



Leadership Letter

From the Chancellor

This is a busy and exciting week at the University of Minnesota Crookston. As the continuation of celebrating the University of Minnesota, newly inaugurated President Joan TA Gabel will be on our campus. It has been almost a year since she first visited us as she was going through the interview process. Fast forward – and viola – our dynamic president will be here Wednesday noon until early Thursday mid morning. Please plan on attending the “Conversations with the Campus Community,” on Wednesday November 6 at 3 p.m. in the Heritage Hall Classroom. If for some reason your schedule doesn’t allow you to do so on Wednesday there is another conversation with the Crookston Community from 7:30 -8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 7 in the Prairie Lounge.



Monday evening at 7 p.m. we will be debuting the “Roots of the Red River Valley,” photo exhibition. This amazing collection of our Northwest Minnesota Heritage is a series of photos taken by Russell Lee during the Great Depression. A special thanks to Ken Mendez, Megan Beck-Peterson and student Lauren Wallace. The Gallery will be open from 8 am to 8 pm in Bede Ballroom for the entire week of November 4 - 8. All are invited from the campus and throughout the community. We encourage all to take time to view this pictorial heritage.

Tuesday morning from 9 – 10 a.m. Regent David McMillan will be here in the Prairie Lounge. Please stop in and speak with our Duluth-based Regent. Regent McMillan is

trekking across northern Minnesota to visit us, do some other business and bring his wife's aunt and uncle who are residents of Crookston to the Roots of the Red River Valley Gallery opening on Monday evening. Like all of our Regents, he is always interested in hearing from you.

Wednesday evening we will be bestowing our highest honor at the University of Minnesota Crookston to Dr. Kari Torkelson and Theresia Gillie. Dr. Kari Torkelson 1991, an optometrist in Grand Forks, N.D., has a long and special relationship with University of Minnesota Crookston. While attending UMN Crookston, she played basketball and volleyball – her basketball team (1989-90) was inducted into the UMN Crookston Hall of Fame in 2008. She also participated in choir and campus ministry and was a residential advisor during her years at on campus. Theresia Gillie, a successful business owner in Hallock, Minn., sets the bar for women in agriculture. A graduate earning her associate degree in accounting from the University of Minnesota Crookston 1983 and Class II graduate of Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership Program (MARL), she serves as and Kittson County commissioner and is the state director of the Minnesota Wheat and Soybean Associations.

Wednesday from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. our Citizen's Advisory and Advancement Board (CAAB) will be on campus. This group of dedicated professionals in the area and alumni provide us excellent critique, counsel and feedback. They serve as our finest advocates. If you aren't sure who the current members are, stop by the board outside the Chancellor's office to learn more about this group. By the way, when you are down by the office doing that, stop in. As Tim Menard said so well one day to a group of students, "Her door is always opened, unless it is closed." Which is true. If my door is closed it is usually because I am in a meeting, or trying to preserve some heat or cooling. Please let me know how things are going. While I usually get around every day when I am here that doesn't always happen. If your Fitbit is bugging you to get some extra steps, come see me.

Friday, November 8 Meredith McQuaid and the international team will be here from the Twin Cities to meet with faculty and staff. Lorie Humphrey from Human Resources will also be here to help onboard our two new professionals (Breezy Lund and Jonathon Fuller) who joined us in that area last month.

And lastly Friday is the last day of our United Way campaign. If you have not contributed, please consider doing so. All the funds raised stay in the region and provide so much needed assistance to our community. For every \$1 received, North Country Foodbank can provide five meals. School aged children who may not have any nutritional food over a weekend, receive discretely delivered backpacks full of nutritious snacks so they don't go hungry. The goal of the UMN Crookston is \$13,000. We are not there yet and need your support.



EVENT DETAILS



PRESIDENT GABEL VISIT

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11/6 - 11/7

Conversations with President
Gabel on both days.

Campus Announcements

One-on-One Faculty Consultations with Dr. David Langley

Dr. David Langley from the University of Minnesota Center for Educational Innovation is offering on a trial basis a set of 4 hours of virtual consultations per week (30 minute slots) for faculty. Through December 18, the days and times of the week are Wednesday (2 -3:30 p.m.), Thursday (9 - 10 a.m.) and Friday (1 - 2:30 p.m.).

Scheduling a 30 minute time with Dr. Langley is very easy for those with google calendar. By clicking on the link ([Schedule a Virtual Consultation](#)), you will be directed to a page to select a time. Dr. Langley will schedule the meeting as a Google Hangout but could also do phone conferencing if needed.

Dr. Langley will visit UMN Crookston in February to conduct faculty consultations in person. More information about his visit including dates and times for individual

consultation meetings and classroom observations will be distributed once those plans are finalized. If you have questions or need more information about these opportunities with Dr. Langley, please contact Michelle Beeghly (umlr005@crk.umn.edu).

Native American Heritage Month

Key Definition of Native Americans

Native American All Native peoples of the United States and its trust territories (i.e., American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Chamorros, and American Samoans), as well as persons from Canadian First Nations and Indigenous communities in Mexico and Central and South America who are US residents.



From Information Technology

Design Challenge: Choose Accessible Learning Content webinar (11/4)

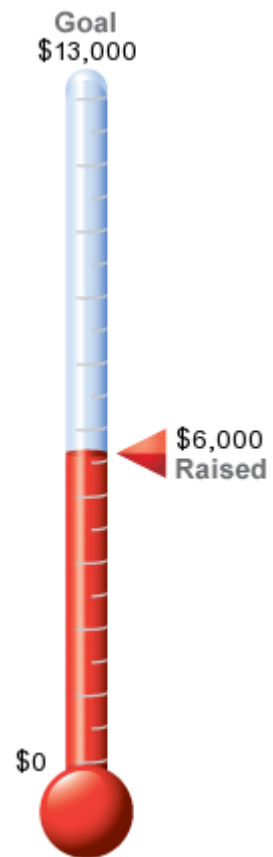
Join [Academic Technology Support Services](#) and [LATIS](#) and register for this webinar to [learn how to foster an inclusive online learning environment](#). Being intentional and choosing to make Canvas courses accessible minimizes barriers to learning, reduces the need for individual accommodations, and works to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity to succeed. 2:30-3:30 p.m.

United Way Campaign

Reminder: Please turn in your United Way Envelopes by 11/08/19.

Per our campaign display last week-giving up one purchased beverage a week sends a backpack home to a hungry child on the weekend.

Please consider a United Way Contribution. We, the University request the community to support many of our campus organizations, activities and events. THIS is our opportunity to support the community in return. Your contribution will remain local and benefits 21 agencies which provide assistance to many individuals in this community who need help.



Facebook Group for Online Students

Two of our very own students, Riley Ellison and Derek Sorenson, took the initiative to reach out to staff about creating a virtual space to help our online students build a sense of community at the University of Minnesota Crookston. If you work with online students in any capacity, feel free to share that we now have this virtual space for them to connect. Our online students can find the Facebook group by searching for "University of Minnesota Crookston Online Students." Reach out to Lamesha Brown at brownlc@crk.umn.edu if you have questions.



From Facilities

It's fall and the mice are starting to look for a nice warm place to spend the winter. This means inside. We've had numerous reports of mice in offices in the last two weeks. To help avoid a mouse infestation please do not leave food items in your office. Mice do not need a very large opening to enter a space so leaving the food in a desk drawer or file cabinet is not a deterrent to mouse. If you do see a mouse please report it to your custodian or call the Facilities office (8483) so we can get traps set.

The heat is on!

- If you open a window to get some fresh air into a space please remember to close the window when you leave. As our temperatures move below freezing open windows could allow pipes to freeze causing a flood when the pipes split.

- If you are using a space heater, please plug it directly into a wall outlet, not a power strip, extension cord or an outlet in a cubicle partition. Plugging a space heater into anything other than a wall outlet creates a fire hazard. Please also turn off and unplug the space heater when you leave your office.

- Accessible doors--if you need to use the accessible doors please do so, however be aware that accessible doors take approximately 30 seconds to go to full open, hold, then close. A non-accessible door take approximately 7 seconds for a person to pull it full open, enter and have the door go to full close. There is a lot of air transfer that can occur in the additional 23 seconds and this can affect the comfort in areas that are located close to exterior entries.

Employment Engagement Survey Responses

You Rock!

Thank you for taking the Employment Engagement Survey. Eighty three percent of our Faculty and seventy eight percent of the staff participated. Overall the participation for the university system was staff 74 percent and faculty 60 percent. We had the highest participation of faculty in the system and third highest participation of staff in the system. Thank you for taking time to respond to the survey.



Highlights

Student Feature

A child with strawberry blonde hair bordering on red strides up to a horse called Charging Yankee, but despite the name the horse is tame in this moment allowing the young man to approach him in a pasture and hop right on his back and just ride around together along the Illinois prairie.



For Minnesota Crookston junior wide receiver Kyler Banks growing up around horses and knowing their cadences and their ticks have become second nature. This particular horse was a special one, one that Kyler's Father Josh and Grandfather Craig had long-since convinced Kyler was born on the same day as he was. So that bond was forged at an early age.

To read the full story, click [here](#).



UMN Crookston Football vs Northern State...

University of Minnesota Crookston Football vs Northern State University - Senior Day/Gear Up For Winter
<https://goldeneaglesports.com/calendar.aspx?id=2793>

Sat, Nov 9 7pm •
Grand Forks, N.D. (Alerus Center)



College Advisory and Advancement Board Fall...

Members of the College Advisory and Advancement Board will be on campus for their fall meeting. They will receive a campus update, visit the sugarbeet museum...

Wed, Nov 6 9am •
Alseth-NWSA Business Board Room



Hot Yoga

Hot Yoga class with Burnham Creek
Yoga in Crookston, MN.

Thu, Nov 7 •
30702 290th St. SW Crookston, MN 56716



From Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day,...

Join us for coffee, cookies and
conversation with Courtney Davis
Souvannaasacd the moving force behind
the first Indigenous Peoples Day
celebration in Grand...

Tue, Nov 12 1pm •
Prairie Room



Spikeball Tournament

Compete in the popular game of
Spikeball!

Tue, Nov 12 7pm •
Wellness Center Courts

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