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## *Leadership Letter*

As questions have come in about football, we have worked hard to respond as quickly as possible. As our goal is to be as communicative and transparent as possible, I am including several of the most commonly asked questions and responses below.

### **Why did you choose to announce the decision at this time?**

On December 5, the NSIC board voted to change its bylaws dropping the requirement that every institutions offer football as one of its sponsored sports. Prior to the bylaw change, the NSIC was one of only two conferences in Division II that required football.



We made the announcement of our decision to discontinue football as quickly following the NSIC bylaw change as possible. Our goal was to make the announcement quickly so that students who had an interest in transferring next year could get into the transfer portal. We also wanted the football players to talk with their families over the holiday break to make the right decision for them. Lastly, it was important that we prepare a team of advisors, counselors, financial professionals, and eligibility specialists to be available to our football players immediately following the announcement. This included taking steps necessary to ensure that we can honor the scholarship awarded to any football player who chooses to remain at UMN Crookston and complete their degree.

### **Why did UMN Crookston decide to discontinue football?**

UMN Crookston is committed to providing students with the highest quality educational experience in and out of the classroom, and that includes within athletics. Given the current realities of conference requirements and funding needs, there was no option for us to make the significant financial investment necessary to provide our football players with a

high-quality experience and an opportunity to be competitive.

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### **When did UMN Crookston make the decision to discontinue football?**

The NSIC initiated a strategic planning process about 18 months ago and that process included the possibility of changing its bylaws related to sports sponsorship and the requirement for football. There were also several other changes under consideration. During the past 18 months, our first priority was to explore every possible option for retaining and strengthening the Golden Eagle football program, and that process continued up through the end of the football season. It also gave us time to prepare for multiple type of changes including the possibility of discontinuing football. It was not until after Thanksgiving that we became aware of the potential bylaw change, and it was at that time we made the final decision.

### **Will UMN Crookston drop other sports?**

There are no plans to drop any other sport. Further, the new NSIC bylaw now requires 11 sponsored sports, and UMN currently offers 11 sponsored sports. Not only will we not drop any of our current sports, this programmatic change will allow us to invest more into our current athletic teams to strengthen competitiveness and the quality of the student-athlete experience.

I wish you a Happy Holidays with your special people. Be safe and enjoy the time together.

Best.

Chancellor Mary

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Students at the University of Minnesota Crookston have been using laptops for 26 years, an initiative that started in 1993. In the years that followed, more than 100 colleges and universities visited campus to learn about the innovation.

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*Campus Announcements*

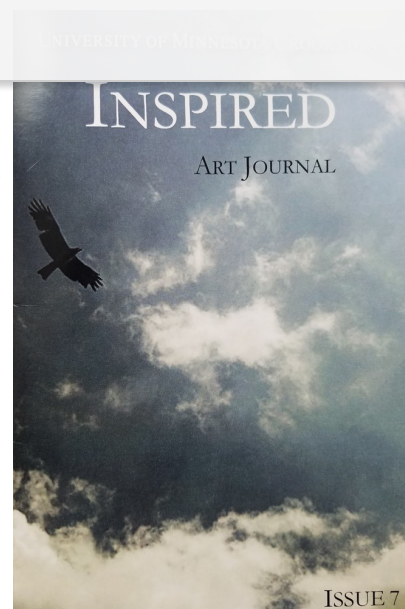
### **From the Writing Center**

The 2019 issue of *Inspired* is here! *Inspired* is UMN Crookston's creative writing and art

journal, and we're excited to release our 7th issue!  
Please stop by our release party on Tuesday afternoon

from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. in the Prairie Room to congratulate our contributors and view this year's journal.

Can't make it to the release? Copies of the journal will also be available for perusal in the library and writing center. If you're interested in contributing to the 2020 issue, keep an eye on the Campus Weekly at the beginning of next semester!



## Sign-Up for 2020 Ag-Arama Contest

Saturday, January 25, 2020

- General Livestock Showmanship\*
  - Beef, dairy, sheep, goats, swine, and equine
- Agribusiness Contest
- Crops Contest
- Photography Contest



\*No experience needed

\*Mandatory livestock meeting to be held during the first week of Spring Semester

**Please contact [hans5579@crk.umn.edu](mailto:hans5579@crk.umn.edu) for more information or to sign up.**

## From the Ag and NatR Department

The Ag and NatR Department is selling pork sides again! There are 8 sides of pork available for purchase. If you are interested and have not already spoken for one, please contact Mandy Gudvangen [langl027@umn.edu](mailto:langl027@umn.edu) - it goes fast!

### General Information about the Pork

- 1 - All meat is processed at Clay Hill Processing (owner UMN Crookston alumni)
- 2 - Each side will weigh approximately 85 to 115 pounds
- 3 - The cost is approximately \$2.25 per pound of meat (this includes everything; processing, cutting, wrapping, smoking, etc) Will have a more definite price in a week or two. Last year it was \$2.22/pound avg.

4 - Each side includes packages of chops, smoked ham, smoked bacon, roasts, and ground breakfast sausage, etc

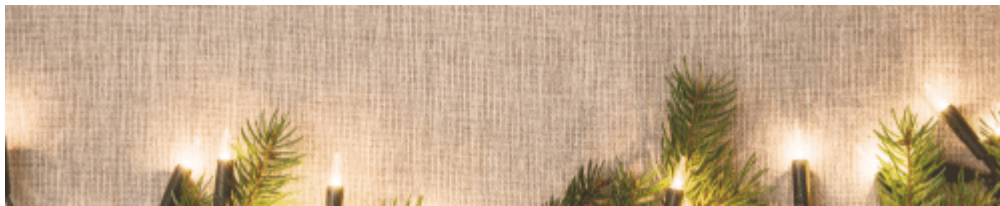
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- Pork will be ready to go end of Dec/beginning of January. Pickup date to be announced. Payment needs to be made at time of pickup.
- We do not store meat beyond the pickup day.
- We will hold another pork sale the end of January 2020 for anyone who may want to wait until after the new year.
- Please pass on to your students as they too, have ordered pork in the past.

Please email or call Mandy Gudvangen (contact info below) to make your reservation today! First come...first serve!

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## Highlights



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## Events



### See What's Playing

See what's playing this week at the Crookston movie theatre: <https://www.moorefamilytheatres.com/location/9739/Grand-Theatre-Crookston-Showtimes>

🕒 Tuesday, December 17  
More dates through April 14, 2020

📍 124 E 2nd St, Crookston, MN 56716

## Inspired Release Party

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The Writing Center is excited to announce the release of the 7th issue of *Inspired*, UMC's creative writing and art journal! All are welcome to stop by this event to view this year's journal, congratulate the contributors, and celebrate the artistic endeavors of the UMC community.

🕒 Tuesday, December 17 at 3:30am to 4:30am

📍 **Prairie Room**

Sargeant Student Center, 2900 University Ave. Crookston, MN 56716



### Free Webinar: How to Manage Stress During the Holidays

The holiday season is a time for family, friends, food...and stress. While many people enjoy celebrating with loved ones, the pressures of holiday gift-buying, travel, and overindulgence can take their toll. [Join us](#) for a session with Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing Director Dr. Mary Jo Kreitzer to learn about strategies to prevent and cope with holiday stress. Learn about ways to support your wellbeing during the holidays and beyond.

Please Register prior to Webinar start time (12:30pm-1:00pm) using the link [Join us](#)

🕒 Wednesday, December 18

