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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

I am sitting on a plane right now writing this message. Actually I am sitting on this plane annoyed. No not just annoyed—angry. Crappy service, grumpy flight attendants and we are about 45 minutes late because of a mechanical problem. So I am now telling myself—get my head right. Don't let their attitude affect the rest of your day.



It struck me that not only are the airlines in a service business where we have a choice of vendors—but so are we. There are more than 3,000 vendors of four year institutions in the U.S. That is a lot of choices. Do we go out of our way every day to be responsive to our clients? Are we doing everything in our purview to make their day go well? Are we reaching out to them when we see them struggling with a bill, a concept, or a broken computer, etc. and try to solve the issue? I mean really try to help, not just being polite. What if the shoe were on the other foot? Would you in all earnest be able to say I am doing my job above and beyond?

In the coming weeks it is anticipated that the COVID-19 epidemic will continue to grow. Our emergency preparedness planning team consisting of Dave Danforth, Stacey Grunewald, John Hoffman, Jonathon Fuller, Lisa Samuelson, Lamesha Brown, Gary Willhite, and Cassandra Morthera, will meet weekly to touch base and monitor the situation. As I write this there are no confirmed cases in our geographic area, thus the prevention of the virus is our focus now. You will continue to receive health related information from our official sources as the virus is monitored. In the meantime, we are doing things such as switching cleansers to one that is more effective for doorknobs, handrails, and other high-contact

spaces and asking people to use preventative measures such as carefully washing their hands, staying home when ill, etc. I will provide more information regarding this through a

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separate message later this week.

Please consider telling your I AM CROOKSTON story on social media. Here is the link <https://www.crk.umn.edu/social-media-graphics> to download your favorite I AM CROOKSTON image to place with your social media messaging. I've seen a few already by some of you on social media. Some pretty powerful messages and marketing for our campus. Thanks for telling the story of the place you are proud to be part of.

Merci to all who were involved in our Golden Eagle Admit Day on Friday. On all accounts, it was a great success. And, because we're committed to continuous improvement, if you have any feedback or suggestions about how the day could be further improved, please let **Paul Adelman** adelm064@crk.umn.edu or any Enrollment Management staff member know. Our next Golden Eagle Admit Day will be Friday, April 3rd where we will welcome a new group of future Golden Eagles.

POINT OF PRIDE



Did you know...

UMN Crookston started a podcast discussing all things college prep. "Flying In with the Golden Eagles" podcast discusses a variety of topics from picking a college that best suits you to college life hacks & more. Tune in at z.umn.edu/flyingin

CAMPUS UPDATES



From Student Activities

Before we know it the end of the semester and academic year will be here which means that the Celebration of Achievement Student Award Ceremony will be here shortly as well. The date of the event is **Thursday, April 30 starting at 5:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.**

We are starting to prepare the materials for that celebration and with that discussions are starting to take place within departments about what Student Awards you would like to present this year.

As discussions are taking place we ask for the following:

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- Please complete the attached Google Form to submit the awards you/your department would like to present. [LINK](#)
- Make sure to order a certificate with Patti Tiedemann, purchase a frame, order a trophy etc. and bring to the ceremony. This is each particular sponsoring organization's responsibility so please plan accordingly on what you would like to present to the student and who will be at the ceremony to present the honor to the student.

PLEASE NOTE :

1. Each presenter is allotted no more than two minutes per award. If you are presenting an award please do not go over your allotted time as we do not want the program to run over time.

2. The Deadline for your Award to be listed in the program is Friday, March 29.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your assistance in recognizing UMN Crookston Students for the achievements and contributions.

Eagles Essentials

Eagle's Essentials free pantry, with refrigerated and dry food items, hygiene products, and winter gear, located in Owen 170, is open. Debi Chandler has volunteered to coordinate donations and rally student volunteers to maintain the pantry. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Debi at dbrule@crk.umn.edu If you would like to donate to Eagle's Essentials, please drop your donations off at the Sargeant Student Center Info Desk.



From Information Technology

The UMN Office of Information Technology is notifying users of a required Windows 10 update (version 1909). OIT will be updating all university-owned Windows 10 devices starting February 27, 2020. The 1909 update can be lengthy—it may take up to 45 minutes to perform a device restart after completing the update. For more information, visit z.umn.edu/windows10update.

I AM CROOKSTON Campaign

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an I AM CROOKSTON

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graphic for social
media and share your
story!



NACTA Car Washes

NACTA is holding Spring car washes! All proceeds will fund students' trips to Hays State to compete for the NACTA National Sweepstakes Title!

Car washes will go from January 28 - March 26 and will be every Tuesday from 2 - 5 p.m. and every Thursday from 12 - 5 p.m.

Car washes are \$30 and they will detail the inside and outside of the vehicle!

If anyone would like to sign up, please e-mail Mikayla Lacher at lache045@crk.umn.edu or Ryan Greenwaldt at gree2172@crk.umn.edu.

HIGHLIGHTS

McKnight Land-Grant Award

The University of Minnesota Crookston is proud to announce that **Assistant Professor, Tony Schroeder**, was one of ten recipients of the University of Minnesota System's McKnight Land-Grant Award. The goal of this program is to advance the careers of assistant professors at a crucial point in their professional lives. The professorship includes a research grant of \$25,000 in each of the two years of the award to be used for expenditures related to the recipient's research and scholarly work.



EVENTS

TUESDAY



Commuter Student Appreciation Day

Students - do you drive to campus everyday instead of live on campus? If so, this event is just for you. Stop by the table in the Student Center, answer a...

🕒 11:30am

📍 Northern Lights Lounge

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WEDNESDAY



E4E Peer Educators present Dance Zumba with Athena

Dance Dance Dance! Free to all! Dancing is a fun way to tackle fitness. From reducing stress, improving brain function, toning, socializing, and having fun!...

🕒 5pm

📍 Wellness Center , Multipurpose Room

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THURSDAY



Thrivent Financial Presentation

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is bringing in Garret Kollin from Thrivent Financial to speak about student debt, credit scores, and financial...

🕒 12pm

📍 Prairie Room

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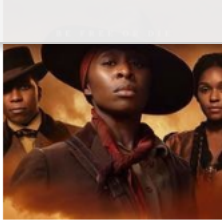
Spring Convocation

Please join us in recognizing the Chancellor's 4.0 List, Of the Month Recipients, the Residential Life Academic Honor Floor and Spring Athletic Teams. The...

🕒 12:30pm

📍 Kiehle Auditorium

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Harriet - The Movie

Join the UMN Crookston Women's Commission for 2019 critically acclaimed film, Harriet. Harriet is a film based on the inspirational life of Harriet Tubman...

🕒 6pm
📍 Bede Ballroom

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FRIDAY



University of Minnesota Crookston Equestrian - ...

University of Minnesota Crookston Equestrian - Hunt Seat vs Minnesota Crookston Home Show goldeneaglesports.com/calendar.aspx?id=2885

🕒 4pm
📍 Crookston, Minn.

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SEE ALL EVENTS

LOOKING FORWARD

- Equine Science Exploration Days - Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7
- Soup & Substance: Women's Periods Matter - Wednesday, March 11
- Golden Eagle Admit Day - Friday, April 3
- Farm to Table Dinner - Thursday, August 13, 2020
 - \$100 general public
 - \$75 UMN Crookston faculty, staff, and students

