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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Did you know that in the human race, we are genetically the same except for 0.1 percent of genetic material that makes some of us more prone to disease than others; have brown,

As we go into the election, I ask that you focus on our sameness—not our differences and how each one of us can work to help bring unity to our divided nation. Remember the political ads you see and the posts you read are trying to portray their opponent and accentuate differences. Unfortunately, there aren't magic bullets or easy answers to the problems and issues that affect our nation and world. It takes all of us to be willing to work toward consensus and slough through difficult issues – together – not divided. The same – not different.



In this version of the Campus Weekly, we've highlighted some recent academic accomplishments of our colleagues. Please join me in congratulating them on their good work through their publications in highly acclaimed journals and book chapters.

The United Way of Crookston continues serving the Crookston community along with the many agencies and organizations that do amazing, impactful work. Education, health, well-being, and basic needs remain constant. Your contribution, no matter the size, supports local individuals and makes a difference. Please consider a donation to your United Way... our United Way. If you need a contribution envelope—contact our United Way co-chairs, Michelle Christopherson or Jim Schaar.

The last day for employees to take the retirement option was yesterday. Watch for retirement receptions and the last day of employment to be listed in the Campus Weekly as we've had more than 15 people who have elected to take this option. Join me in thanking them for their selfless service and commitment to the University of Minnesota Crookston.

Have a safe and productive week.

Best,

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

COVID-19 Testing in Crookston

Free COVID-19 Testing Event

- Thursday, October 22, 2020

12 - 6 p.m. at the Crookston Sports Center

Sign up for an appointment time. This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

Register: <https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

Here is a video that visually describes what testing is like. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=44&v=DEiapWRTPIU&feature=emb_logo&ab_channel=mnhealth

See attached in English, Spanish, and Somali for more information (Chinese translation will be available on Friday). Please share/post with staff and students.

From Campus Health

Cold and flu season is here and it's time to do what we can to keep ourselves healthy. Many symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to flu symptoms and getting a flu shot lessens your chance of getting the flu and having any uncertainty. Health Services, in partnership with Polk County Public Health, has scheduled a first flu shot clinic for faculty and staff to be held on Friday, October 23 in Bede Ballroom from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. There will be a second date in early November (date to be confirmed). Immunization is covered by your insurance.

Please contact Nan Widseth Health Services at 281-8512 or widse024@crk.umn.edu if you have any questions.

From Enrollment Management

Our website has been updated. The Campus homepage and Admissions homepage have launched. Academic pages and other admission pages are in the development. Look for more updates coming soon!

October 19-23 is National Transfer Student Week. The Crookston and Morris campuses are teaming up to offer:

- FREE application to all transfer students that week.

own scholarship based on activities they are already doing such as filling out the FAFSA, employment/internships, being a full time student, earning an A or B in the class, and more!

We had a very successful few days of MEA visits both on-campus and virtually with a lot of engagement and interest from the students and families who visited with us. A huge shout out to Amberly, Jonathon, Moussa, and Paul, as well as our amazing Student Ambassadors for pulling off a successful and busy visit week!

UMN Crookston Renames Academic Units to Academic Divisions

After consulting with the University of Minnesota System and following naming conventions currently in use within the System, UMN Crookston is renaming its "academic units" as "academic divisions." Thus, we now have the Business, Arts, and Education Division, which is home to the Business and HSSE departments and led by Dr. Kevin Thompson as Division Head. We also now have a Division of Agriculture, Natural Sciences, and Technology, which is home to the AgNatR and MST departments and lead by Dr. Tony Kern, Division Head.

From Athletics

2021 Hockey Schedule

The UMN Crookston ACHA hockey team will debut in 2021, as they recently released their schedule. The Golden Eagles are excited to be back on the ice for the first time in over 10 years. Minnesota Crookston is set for a 14-game schedule beginning January 9-10 at the University of Jamestown. The Golden Eagles are slated for their home opener at the Crookston Sports Center January 15-16 against Minnesota State University Moorhead. UMN Crookston is scheduled for eight home games in their return season. The Golden Eagles are coached by Steve Johnson, one of the top junior hockey coaches of all-time, and a familiar name in the national hockey community through his time as an assistant coach at St. Cloud State University and the University of Nebraska Omaha. As a player, Johnson was a Hobey Baker Award finalist and National Champion at the University of North Dakota.

Here is the 2021 ACHA slate:

Jan. 10 - at Jamestown - TBA - Jamestown, N.D.

Jan. 15 - vs. MSU Moorhead - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Jan. 16 - vs. MSU Moorhead - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Jan. 29 - vs. Williston State College - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Jan. 30 - vs. Williston State College - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Feb. 6 - vs. UMary - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Feb. 7 - vs. UMary - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Feb. 12 - at Williston State College - TBA - Williston, N.D.

Feb. 13 - at Williston State College - TBA - Williston, N.D.

Feb. 20 - at UMary - TBA - Bismarck, N.D.

Feb. 21 - at UMary - TBA - Bismarck, N.D.

March 12 - vs. Jamestown - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

March 13 - vs. Jamestown - TBA - Crookston, Minn.

Faculty Awards

The preliminary nominations for Faculty Awards are due by 2 p.m. Friday, November 20. Preliminary nominations only require an email to a Faculty Award committee member giving the name of the person you intend to nominate and the award which you are nominating them for. Full letters of nominations will not be due until early in Spring 2021. The committee encourages everyone to make nominations.

From Outreach and Engagement

Greetings UMN Crookston! Thank you to all who have returned your United Way pledge envelopes. As of last Friday, we have raised \$2,606 toward our \$6,000 campus goal.

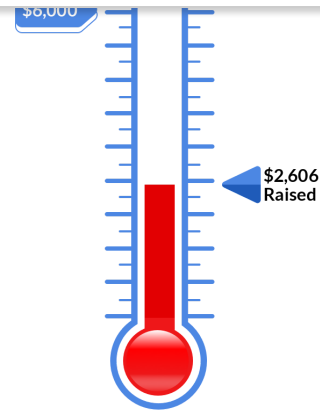
Please consider a financial contribution.

2020-2021 UNITED WAY OF CROOKSTON CAMPAIGN

DONATION OPTIONS:

- Cash, Check, Payroll Deduction, or Quarterly Direct Bill (information will be in campus mailboxes)

UMN Crookston United Way Campaign co-chairs Michelle Christopherson, Outreach & Engagement and Jim Schaar, Humanities, Social Science and Education.



Virtual Benefits Fair

To ensure faculty and staff can get the benefits information they need from home, OHR has created the Virtual Benefits Fair. This online fair features vendor resources including videos, flyers, and info sheets to download or print along with instructions for reaching out to plan experts with questions or concerns.

The fair will be available 24/7, November 1-30 at z.umn.edu/VirtualBenefitsFair.

- For more information on the Employee Benefits Fair click [here](#).
- For more information on Open Enrollment for 2021, click [here](#).

UMN Crookston Teambackers

2020-2021 Membership Drive

All faculty and staff are encouraged to show their Golden Eagle Pride for University of Minnesota Crookston



Athletics and join UMC Teambackers. Recently, information was sent via campus mail about the 2020-2021 UMC Teambackers Membership Drive. The completed form and gift can be returned to the Alumni & Development Office, but you can also make your donation easily online by going to the link below and selecting "Ongoing Payroll Deduction" in the Gift Frequency section.

[Make a gift to UMC Teambackers](#)

We hope you will consider lifting up Golden Eagle Athletics and becoming a Teambacker

[UMC Teambackers brochure](#)

For questions, please contact Derek Martin at 218-281-8436 or derekm@umn.edu.

From Civil Service Senate

Mark Belanger and Kimberly Jenkins will be representing the University of Minnesota Crookston as Senators on the [Civil Service Senate](#). Nanette Thurston will continue work on behalf of the Civil Service through the Civil Service Consultative Committee and the Civil Service Communications and Outreach Committee.

The Civil Service Senate is part of the larger University Senate governance system, which includes the University Senate, Faculty Senate, P&A Senate, and Student Senate. The Civil Service Senate's responsibilities include, but are not limited to, matters concerning the employment conditions of Civil Service employees.

Through its executive committee (the Civil Service Consultative Committee) and subcommittees, the Civil Service Senate works in the areas of: benefits and compensation, communications, and the Civil Service Employment Rules. Each year the Civil Service Senate strives to become more involved in University governance, and continues to support the University's mission of teaching, research, and service.

UMN Crookston Civil Service constituents can reach out to Nanette, Mark, or Kim with any issues or concerns they would like the Civil Service Senate to discuss or complete our [Civil Service Senate Consideration Request Form](#). All communication will remain confidential.

From the Campus Advisory and Advancement Board (CAAB)

David Hoff, a member of the UMN Crookston Campus Advisory and Advancement Board will be resigning his position from this board. Find his departing message below:

The time has come for me to be replaced on the University of Minnesota Crookston Campus Advisory and Advancement Board. I have truly enjoyed my experiences and relationships at and with UMC, but believe it is time a new set of eyes, ears, and ideas replace mine.

Originally, I had planned to stay with UMC for a couple years to gain some experience and then move on to other opportunities. Here we are 53 years later and I finally have found

Best wishes for you, the CAAB, and the University as you move forward in these uncertain times.

Kindest regards,

David Hoff

— FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES —

Webinar

Webinar on "Resilient Rural Colleges"

Last week, Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause was graciously asked to participate in a one-hour webinar on "Resilient Rural Colleges" put together by the Chronicle of Higher Education. The engaging discussion on how rural colleges have adjusted during COVID-19 was moderated by Danielle McLean of the Chronicle of Higher Education, and also featured President Charles M. "Monty" Roessel of Diné College, President Vicki Hawsey Karolewics of Wallace State Community College, and President Henry W. Spaulding II of Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

To register for an on-demand version of the webinar, click [here](#).

— HIGHLIGHTS —

World Food Prize Foundation Selects 6 Students for Prestigious George Washington Carver Internship Program

The World Food Prize Foundation announced today the selection of 6 students for its prestigious George Washington Carver Internship program this Fall, which will take place in-person and remotely due to the coronavirus pandemic. For the first time in the program's history, interns will assist in the promotion and facilitation of a virtual World Food Prize annual week of events.

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



WETCC in Partnership with UMN Crookston

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families has awarded the White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) a \$500,000 grant per year for five years.

WETCC will be partnering with White Earth Head Start and the University of Minnesota Crookston to offer educational opportunities for Head Start staff to obtain their associate of arts degree (AA) with WETCC or a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota Crookston.

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

Veden Center at UMN Crookston Announces Opportunities for Latino Entrepreneurs and Businesses

The Veden Center for Rural and Economic Development at the University of Minnesota Crookston is offering a free online class and technical assistance to Latino entrepreneurs and businesses through the Mano Amiga program.

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

Discussion on Racial Justice

Last week, an important discussion took place on racial justice in the country on "Golden

campus and in the community. The discussion featured UMN Crookston Director of Athletic Communication/Interim Assistant Director of Communication for University Relations Shawn Smith, 2019 graduate Jordan Deadwyler, Senior Area Coordinator for Residential Life Erica Claybrook-Cookman, Head Women's Tennis Coach/Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Krayton Nash, junior Skyla Whitaker, and freshman Brnton Johnson.



Recent Publications

- Vice Chancellor Hoffman recently published “Delta Change: Institutional Types, Challenges, and Public Good,” a chapter of a book co-written with Susana Hernandez from California State University.
 - To read the chapter, click [here](#).
- Tony Kern has a recent in-press publication - done in cooperation with NASA, the Minnesota DNR, and Colorado State University.
 - O’Shea, K., LaRoe, J., Vorster, A., Young, N., Evangelista, P., Mayer, T., Carver, D., Simonson, E., Martin, V., Radomski, P., Knopik, J., Kern, A., and

- Joseph Shostell has co-authored several publications.
 - Ruiz-Garcia, M., Jaramillo, M. F., Cáceres-Martínez, C. H., and Shostell, J. M. (2020). The phylogeographic structure of the mountain coati (*Nasuella olivacea*; procyonidae, carnivore), and phylogenetic relationships with the other coati species (*Nasua nasua* and *Nasua narica*) by means of mitochondrial DNA. *Mammalian Biology*.
 - Ruiz-Garcia, Pinedo-Castro, M., Albino, A., Arias-Vásquez, J. Y., Castellanos, A., and Shostell, J. M. 2020. Invalidation of taxa within the silvery wooly monkey (*Lagothrix lagothricha poeppigii*, Atelidae, Primates). *Mitochondrial DNA Part A* 31 (4): 147-162. 10.1080/24701394.2020.1757084.
 - Ruiz-Garcia, M., Castellanos, A., Vasquez, J. Y. A., and Shostell, J. M. (2020). Genetics of the Andean bear (*Tremarctos ornatus*; Ursidae, Carnivora) in Ecuador: when the Andean Cordilleras are not an obstacle. *Mitochondrial DNA Part A*, DOI: 10.1080/24701394.2020.1769088.
 - Ruiz-Garcia, M., Vasquez, J.Y.A., Restrepo, H., Cáceres-Martínez, C. H., and Shostell, J. M. (2020) The genetic structure of the Andean bear (*Tremarctos ornatus*; Ursidae, Carnivora) in Colombia by means of mitochondrial and microsatellite markers. *Journal of Mammalogy*
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From International Programs

According to the article from [bowlingseriously.com](https://www.bowlingseriously.com), bowling is the top recreational activity in the United States with 67 million people who have bowled at least once a week. The Multicultural International Club (MIC) took students to ARC Bowling Lanes in Ada, Minn., on Tuesday, October 6, to see how they liked it. Every alley was taken by one or two MIC students and they had the place to themselves. Food was served and students had fun winning the lowest points award to the highest point awards.

MIC welcomes more people to join this great organization that promotes inclusion and activities throughout the year. The president of MIC is Vinayak Sharma, a junior at UMN Crookston.





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