

[View this email in your browser](#)



**LEADERSHIP LETTER**

**From the Chancellor**

We are closing in and almost done with the semester. Congratulations on your good work to be committed to the University and keeping our nest safe as COVID-19 numbers rage around us.

fall. As was stated in the Town Hall, watch for an email on January 4 to provide details about classes. Of course no one has a crystal ball, but it is our intention to be in person -- if it is safe to do so.

If you did not have a chance to attend the Town Hall on Wednesday, click [here](#) to view it.



### **Working From Home**

Regarding working at home. While the Governor's mandate is in effect, we will ask people who can work at home and meet their work commitments to continue to do so.

### **For Faculty:**

Faculty who have classes delivered in-person or hybrid will need to come to campus to teach through Thanksgiving and will return for spring semester. For faculty conducting research requiring work in labs, you will need to be on campus to access the lab - now and after Thanksgiving. These are situations of a clear need to be on-campus. However, there are other situations that are more about convenience and in these situations, faculty should work from home. If faculty need to occasionally stop onto campus to pick up materials--feel free to do so.

### **For Staff:**

There are offices where duties require someone to be on-campus to respond to students walking into offices. For example, while we can provide many library services virtually, there are times when students need physical access to the library. Some (not all) of these offices will be able to shift online after Thanksgiving.

On the other hand, there are some offices with minimal student traffic that can simply go online and post a phone number or contact information for students. My office is one such example - even before COVID, only a handful of students stopped by in a given week, so we have a phone number posted on the door for those who may stop by.

Thank you again for your efforts to keep yourselves, your families, and our community safe.

### **Honoring Native American Heritage Month**

November is [Native American Heritage Month](#), and we acknowledge that the University of Minnesota is built on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous peoples. It is important to acknowledge the peoples on whose land we live, learn, and work as we seek to improve and strengthen relations with the tribal nations of Minnesota.

I also want to recognize and thank our Native American students, faculty, staff, and community members for their many contributions to the University. We are committed to strengthening our relations with the 11 sovereign Tribal Nations of Minnesota, and we have collaboratively developed

We will continue to meet, collaborate, and consult to ensure that we are increasing access to all aspects of higher education for our Native American students, staff, faculty, and community members and fulfilling our mission to serve all people of Minnesota.

### **College Food Insecurity Awareness Day**

Governor Walz declared that this Friday, November 20, is [College Food Insecurity Awareness Day](#). Our students have access to the food pantry, but we need your donations, particularly this year, to help our students in need.

### **COVID-19 Testing**

One important tool available to you as you prepare for Thanksgiving is your [one free saliva test through Vault Health](#). This saliva test can be used whether you are symptomatic or not at any time between now and late December. You can find your personalized link to request this mail-order test on the top right of your MyU home page under the flag icon.

Additionally, beginning Tuesday you can get a test in person at the National Guard Armory in Crookston (on Highway 2 east of campus) at 1801 University Avenue. Pre-registration is requested to avoid long lines or waits. The pre-registration link is <https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

### **Let Someone Know You Care**

We've all been touched by the extra kindness or effort our faculty, staff, and others have shown through this COVID-19 crisis. Everyone can use a little lift and I encourage you to send a note of gratitude and appreciation. What better way to let people know how much you appreciate them with an email or a note. A small act of kindness on your part can help to lift a burden or brighten a day. Blank appreciation cards can be picked up and dropped off in the Sargeant Student Center.

Be well and be careful,

Chancellor Mary

---

## **CAMPUS UPDATES**

### **From Campus Health**

In order to expand access to free, “no barrier” COVID-19 testing, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) has announced 11 new long-term COVID-19 testing sites will open across Minnesota

The Crookston location is at the Crookston National Guard Armory, 1801 University Avenue from 12-6 p.m. Pre-registration is requested to avoid long lines or waits. The pre-registration link is <https://www.primarybio.com/r/crookston>

- Monday, November 16 through Wednesday, November 18
- Monday, November 23 and Tuesday, November 24
- Tuesday, December 1 through Saturday, December 5
- Wednesday, December 9 through Friday, December 11
- Wednesday, December 16 through Saturday, December 19
- Monday, December 21 and Tuesday, December 22
- Monday, December 28 through Wednesday, December 30
- Monday, January 4 through Thursday, January 7
- Wednesday, January 13 through Saturday, January 16
- Tuesday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 20
- Wednesday, January 27 through Saturday, January 30

# Get Tested for COVID-19



- **Open to everyone**
- **Symptoms or no symptoms**
- **Free, no insurance needed**

Mon. November 16 thru Wed. 18, 2020  
 Mon. November 23 & Tues. 24, 2020  
 Tues. December 1 thru Sat. 5, 2020  
 Wed. December 9 thru Fri. 11, 2020  
 Wed. December 16 thru Sat. 19, 2020  
 Mon. December 21 & Tues. 22, 2020

Mon. December 28 thru Wed. 30, 2020  
 Mon January 4 thru Thurs. 7, 2021  
 Wed. January 13 thru Sat. 16, 2021  
 Tues. January 19 & Wed. 20, 2021  
 Wed. January 27 thru Sat. 30, 2021

Crookston Armory  
 1801 University Ave. North  
 Crookston 56716

12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

## Sign up for an appointment time now.

This helps us keep wait times short and give people plenty of space.

### Register online:

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

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/>

If you are not able to sign up online, or need a translator, call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.



Minnesota Department of Health | [health.mn.gov](http://health.mn.gov) | 651-201-5000  
 Contact [health.communications@state.mn.us](mailto:health.communications@state.mn.us) to request an alternate format.  
 08/06/2020

## From Dining Services

Join us Thursday, November 19, for our annual Thanksgiving Meal in Brown for lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Menu

- Herb Oven Roasted Turkey

- Cornbread Stuffing
- Buttered Corn
- Green Bean Casserole
- Squash (from our campus garden)
- Cranberry Sauce
- Rolls/Butter
- Fruit Salad
- Toss salad
- Macaroni Salad
- Green Pea Salad
- Pumpkin Pie
- Apple Pie
- Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving a little early.

**\*Carry-out is available.**

---

### **A Call to "Tell our Story"**

UMN Crookston Faculty and Staff see the below email request from J.D. Burton. If you have interest in this let Chris Winjum, [cwinjum@crk.umn.edu](mailto:cwinjum@crk.umn.edu) know soon.

"Chancellor Holz-Clause -

Each week, my team meets virtually to check in and stay connected. These typically occur from 8:30-9:00 am, MWF.

I'd like to start using some of these meeting times to introduce my team to interesting faculty, researchers, or employees at the campuses throughout the system. This would be a nice change of pace for them, as well as help them learn more about work around the system.

I'm writing to ask your help in identifying some faculty, staff, administrators etc. that I could invite to join one of our upcoming meetings. I suspect you know best about interesting or timely topics or projects underway on campus.

This could be a 15-20 minute presentation with some Q&A at the end. They could use a PPT, share info with the group via Zoom, or any other format that works best. It could be very high-level about

J.D. Burton

Chief Government Relations Officer

University of Minnesota"

---

## **From Enrollment Management**

### **Equine Exploration Days**

On Saturday, November 14, the Office of Admissions teamed up with the equine department to host Equine Exploration Day. Twelve students came to campus for a look into a "day in the life" of an equine student on campus. The day was full of socially distanced and small group activities that included ground driving, leg wrapping, equine exercise and physiology, campus tour, and admissions presentation. Major exploration day events are always popular events with high school students and admissions looks forward to holding more of these small group events during spring semester.

### **Website**

The academic program webpages have been redesigned and updated. We are requesting faculty review their pages and provide feedback.

Ag & NatR - Kelsey Engelstad

HSSE & Business - Amber Bailey

MST - Janessa Quanrud

### **Getting Started Webinar Series "Finding your Wings"**

A webinar series for newly admitted online students has launched to walk students through their first steps in getting started with online learning so they can be fully prepared to engage in their student experience. Each session focuses on a topic including: Registration & Transfer Credit, Financial Aid, and Student Service Opportunities.

---

## **Athletics Update**

The NSIC has announced its men's and women's basketball schedules for the 2020-21 academic year. The schedules were approved by the NSIC Board of Directors with the health and safety of

competition.

To mitigate COVID-19 exposure, schools will only compete against one opponent each week of the season.

The NSIC men's and women's basketball schedules will be 16-games played over eight weeks with teams playing the same opponent at one site on back-to-back days. The season will start with two non-conference games against one NSIC out-of-division opponent. The conference schedule will then consist of 14 games with teams playing each member of its division twice. For this season, the NSIC will only crown a North Division and South Division Champion.

The conference will continue to monitor the landscape and conditions surrounding the pandemic locally, regionally, and nationally and make any decisions or announcements, at a later date, as necessary.

#### Men's and Women's Basketball Schedules

- Saturday, January 2 – vs. Concordia-St. Paul – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 3 – vs. Concordia-St. Paul – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 8 – at MSU Moorhead – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 9 – at MSU Moorhead – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 15 – vs. Northern State – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 16 – vs. Northern State – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 22 - vs. Minot State – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 23 – vs. Minot State – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, January 29 – at UMary – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 30 – at UMary – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 5 – vs. Minnesota Duluth – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 6 – vs. Minnesota Duluth – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 12 – at St. Cloud State – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 13 – at St. Cloud State – 3:30/5:30 p.m.
- Friday, February 19 – at Bemidji State – 5:30/7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, February 20 – at Bemidji State – 3:30/5:30 p.m.

---

## HIGHLIGHTS

From UMN Twin Cities





## Impact Leaders

A candid conversation with President Joan Gabel and Dr. Michael Osterholm about life amid COVID-19.

Join fellow University of Minnesota community members for a virtual conversation between President Joan Gabel and U of M COVID-19 expert Dr. Michael Osterholm as they reflect on the challenges, triumphs, and critical ongoing work related to the pandemic.

How has COVID-19 impacted these two leaders? What stories of success make them proud of the U? What do they think the future looks like? What makes them hopeful?

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

11 a.m. CST | 12 p.m. EST

Register [here](#).

Questions? Contact [umfevent@umn.edu](mailto:umfevent@umn.edu).

---

## Grateful Voices - Video Series

Leading up to Give to the Max Day, we've prepared a special video series, Grateful Voices, which will showcase the impact giving has on our students and campus. Please enjoy the continuation of the series featuring Paul and Kathy Imle and Kari Torkelson.

*Video credits to Maggie Mills, Social Media and Creative Project Specialist*



---

### From International Programs

Please join us in celebrating the completion of our international students' academic career from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 18 in the International Lounge. Cake will be served. The happy graduates are:

- Roseline Kanssole, Agriculture Business
- Marshall Mbanga, Software Engineering
- Meli Roderiguez, Elementary Education
- Bryce Jorgenson, Software Engineering

For those who aren't able to attend but would like to send some well wishes, here is a zoom link:

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/96411591818>

**M** UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Business Management  
Graduate 2020



JZ Chan



**M** UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Software Engineering  
Graduate 2020



Bryce Jorgenson



**M** UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Software Engineering  
Graduate 2020



Marshall Mbanga



**M** UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

Elementary Education  
Graduate 2020



Meli Rodrigues







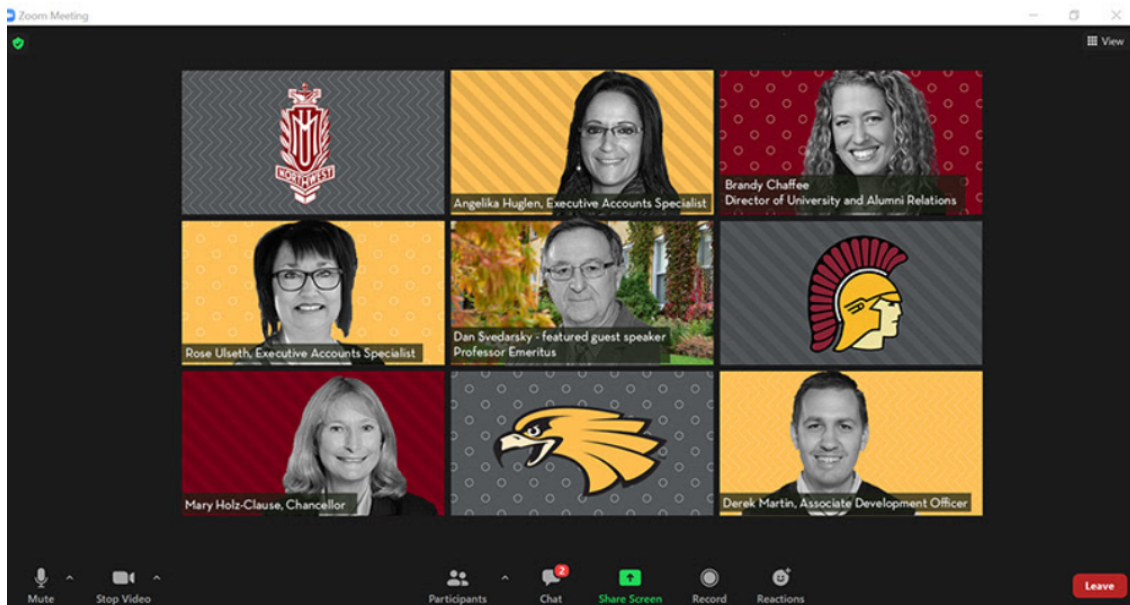
## EVENTS

### Alumni Social

Join us for a Virtual Alumni Social via Zoom  
Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5-6 p.m. CST

Questions? Contact Angelika Huglen at [ahuglen@umn.edu](mailto:ahuglen@umn.edu).

# SAVE *the* DATE



## Give to the Max Day

November 19 is Give to the Max Day—Minnesota's statewide day of giving. Join with your fellow faculty and staff members in showing you're #UMNproud and make a gift to UMN Crookston! Your support will go even farther because of special one-day matches, and all gifts to the U on Give to the Max Day are included in the University-wide Driven campaign. This year, the Crookston campus is focusing on the [UMC Area of Greatest Need Fund](#) among other critical unrestricted funds supporting students and the great work happening on our campus. More information to follow within the next couple of weeks.



**Mini PetAway Stress** with therapy dogs in the International Lounge on Thursday, November 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Dogs certified by the local Alliance of Therapy Dogs.

Come and snuggle your stress away!



## Cocoa and Cram From Home

Join UMN Crookston Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Delta for Cocoa and Cram for Home Learning on Friday, November 20 from Noon to 1:00 pm. Join in person in the Student Success Center (Owen Hall 270) or virtually through [Zoom](#). UMN Crookston students and a few faculty members will be there to give you some tips on being successful as you get ready to move to home learning.

As tradition with Cocoa and Cram, hot cocoa will be provided to anyone who joins in person in the SSC will be provided with hot cocoa and some holiday treats.



<https://umn.zoom.us/j/98492577497?pwd=azlUK21JOG84MFdRT0dvVE5ZbHdrZz09>

Meeting ID: 984 9257 7497

Passcode: em0x&w

---

**CLICK FOR ALL EVENTS**

---

