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— LEADERSHIP LETTER —

From the Chancellor

Each February our nation celebrates [Black History Month](#). This year we recognize and grieve for the very visible reminders of racism and bias that continue to haunt our nation

systemic inequities and injustices, we also celebrate, admire, and champion the very real work of those among us who are making a difference.

Let me share some upbeat news about our proposed state appropriation. In his \$52.4 billion proposal, Governor Walz included \$46.5 million in new funding for the University of Minnesota in FY 22-23, which fully funds our request. Now as we all know in politics it isn't over, until it is over, but to receive this in the Governor's request is a good start.



Some of our former hockey players joined us last week for a virtual social. Our alumni relations group coordinated the social and it provided former hockey team members a time to reconnect and reminisce. They shared many stories about camaraderie and working together. I won't share all the details but did laugh pretty hard when they were describing not having appropriate paperwork when some of our Canadian players came across the border. They got to know some of the border patrol better than they wanted to -- but made it back to practice in time the next morning. Other escapades of the former players were shared and made me reflect on how the myths, legends, and stories of your student life are happening right now. I hope I am around in 15 years to hear what you remember about your COVID times and other memories.

By the way—our alumni team will organize opportunities for you to connect with your college buddies sooner than you think. Although there may be times you feel you won't make graduation day -- stay the course. Reach out and get help if you need it. It is worth it, and remember we are here for you to succeed.

Stay well, and stay healthy. We need each other for support to get through the tough days ahead. The good news.....the days are already getting longer and so far (I don't want to jinx it) winter in Minnesota has been relatively mild.

EVENTS

Conversations about Race over Coffee



To celebrate Black History Month, join us on Zoom as we continue our conversations about race in America. Each week, we'll talk about race, allyship, and ways we can all work toward understanding each other.

February 3: Freedom for All- To understand the present, we need to understand the past.
12pm- 1 pm

February 9: Sparks of Change- This country has come a long way, but we still have a long way to go. 12pm-1pm

February 17: Dismantling Racism- Where do we go from here, and how can we work together as allies for a better future.
12pm-1pm

Zoom ID: 910 2803 9693

Zoom Link:
<https://umn.zoom.us/j/91028039693?pwd=ck9iL0VLUzJaUVZ6QnhvR1hHY3dPQT09>



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& guest speaker *Dr. Anton Treuer* on the 15th

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president of the Black Student Union at the University of Minnesota. The following are her reflections on the 1969 Morrill Hall takeover, which led to the creation of the University's Afro-American Studies Department (now African American & African Studies).

<https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/reflections-morrill-takeover>

Ag-Arama (Play Something Country)

The 46th annual Ag-Arama will take place Saturday, February 6, 2021. This year's theme is Play Something Country and will be held in the University Teaching & Outreach Center (UTOC) on the campus of the University of Minnesota Crookston.



As we continue to follow COVID-19 guidelines, contests will be closed to in-person spectators and only those students who are showing will be allowed in the arena. The schedule of events is listed below and are available to watch via [livestream](#).

Novice Showmanship

- 8:30 a.m. Beef 1 and Swine 1
- 9:00 a.m. Dairy and Sheep
- 9:30 a.m. Western 1 and Goat
- 10:00 a.m. Beef 2 and Swine 2
- 10:30 a.m. Horse 2

Experienced Showmanship

- 11:30 a.m. Dairy and Sheep
 - 12:00 p.m. Beef and Western
 - 12:30 p.m. Swine
 - 1:00 p.m. Round Robin
 - 1:30 p.m. Intermission
 - 2:00 p.m. Anthem, Coronation, and Awards
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The University of Minnesota Crookston had nine student-athletes earn the NSIC Myles Brand All-Academic with Distinction Award. The honor, named for the late NCAA President Dr. Myles Brand, is bestowed to senior NSIC student-athletes who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher, are exhausting their eligibility and are on track to graduate (student-athletes can only earn the award once). Each student-athlete will be recognized by the NSIC with a certificate of achievement and a wristwatch. A record number 227 student-athletes from the NSIC's 16 institutions will receive the award in its 12th year, 33 more than last year's record of 194.

The Golden Eagles honored with the distinguished award were; Kamryn Frisk (Softball, Anchorage, Alaska), Deaira Gresham (Volleyball, Maplewood, Minn.), Anthony Kampa (Cross Country, St. Cloud, Minn.), Roseline Kanssole (Cross Country, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso), Sydney Kruisselbrink (Volleyball, Rochester, Minn.), Jennifer Lax (Women's Basketball and Cross Country, Sleepy Eye, Minn.), Katie Lienemann (Volleyball, Rosemount, Minn.), Ben Thoma (Baseball, Clearbrook, Minn.) and Jessica Withrow (Soccer, Gardnerville, Nev.).

The UMN Crookston women's basketball team earned a split last weekend with a 73-65 win Saturday over UMary and a 59-55 loss on Friday. The Golden Eagles were led on Saturday by Jes Mertens with 17 points and seven rebounds. Mary Burke added 17 points, as well. The Golden Eagles take on No. 8 University of Minnesota Duluth at home on Friday, February 5 at 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 6 at 1:30 p.m.

The Golden Eagle men's basketball team also earned a split on the weekend. Minnesota Crookston picked up a 72-58 win over the Marauders in Bismarck, N.D. on Friday. They fell 73-60 to UMary on Saturday. The Golden Eagles were led on Friday by career highs by Josh Dilling (27 points) and Leonard Dixon (23 points). UMN Crookston heads to Minnesota Duluth to take on the Bulldogs Friday, February 5 at 6 p.m., and Saturday, February 6 at 4 p.m.

The Minnesota Crookston hockey team fell in a pair of games at home against Williston State College 3-1 and 7-3. The Golden Eagles will host UMary Saturday, February 6 at 3 p.m., and Sunday, February 7 at 1 p.m. at the Crookston Sports Center.

Updated Athletic Events Attendance Policy

We are excited to welcome fans back to our home athletic events! We are grateful for the opportunity to see fans cheering on our student-athletes in person once again! It is no surprise however, that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the way we conduct our

Minnesota Crookston fan policy must be adhered to at all times. Fans must follow the procedures outlined below. Fans who fail to comply will be asked to leave the arena. Thank you and we appreciate your help in creating a healthy and safe playing environment.

Fan Policy:

- If you are showing any symptoms related to COVID or have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID please do not attend the athletic event.
- Two tickets per player: A pass list is stationed at the ticket gate at the south entrance of Lysaker and the south entrance of the Crookston Sports Center. When fans enter please provide your name and what player you are listed under. Your name must be on this list to receive admission. There will be no admission charge.
- Fans must wear face coverings that cover the nose and mouth at all times. If a fan has no mask or fails to properly wear the mask they will be asked to leave the arena.
- No concessions and no outside food and beverages are allowed.
- Bathrooms are available immediately outside of the gym in Lysaker and on the north concourse of the Crookston Sports Center.
- We will open the doors for fans 30 minutes prior to all home events. Please do not plan to arrive until 30 minutes prior to the games.
- Fans will be seated in the south bleachers of Lysaker Gymnasium and six ft. of distance between guests will be enforced. Fans will be seated in the open areas of the bleachers at the Crookston Sports Center and six ft. of distance will be enforced.
- Fans must exit the arena immediately following the conclusion of the game.
- Fans cannot come within 12 ft. of the playing surface.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available throughout the arena.
- No game day, programs, roster sheets, or fan promotions.
- No walk-up admissions allowed.
- Due to a multi-team event no fans will be allowed at home equestrian events at this time.
- The same fan policies will be adhered at Choice Health and Fitness for home tennis matches.

Thank you for understanding and cooperation,

University of Minnesota Crookston Athletics

[Stephanie Helgeson](#), Director of Athletics

[Kamille Meyer](#), Asst. Athletic Director, Senior Woman Administrator, Wellness Center Director, and Title IX Coordinator

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Science Fair Participation

Hello UMN Crookston students,

We will be holding the 2021 Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair this year, but it will be held remotely for the participants. Judging will occur in two formats, judging of video presentations and live interviews with students.

Judging of videos will occur the week of February 15 and can be done at your leisure (must finish by February 19) since it will be done using Google Drive participants will be interviewed and via Zoom. Judges can take part in interviews through Zoom but we would like to have small judging rooms where three to five judges can gather and interview participants in "Zoom rooms." This in-person option will be restricted to current UMC faculty, staff, and students and our COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Below is a link to sign up to judge in any of the formats described above. Interviews will occur on multiple days (Wednesday, February 17 - Saturday, February 20) so there are many options available.

<https://forms.gle/zzEiGrQFky7ACLV69>

Thanks for your time,

Tim Dudley, Director

Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair

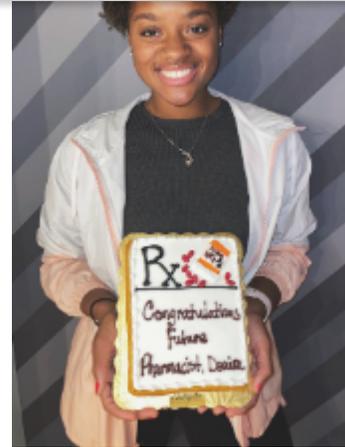
HIGHLIGHTS

Student Feature: Deaira Gresham

UMN Crookston health sciences senior, Deaira Gresham, has persevered with positivity throughout her life to get to where she is today. Gresham has always had a passion for

medicine grew.

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



Congratulations!

Congratulations to UMN Crookston student Adrienne Schaunaman newly crowned Miss Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo Queen. As Miss Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo Queen, Adrienne will be an ambassador and advocate for the Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo, South Dakota, the sport of rodeo and the western way of life.



Adrienne is a senior from Aberdeen, SD majoring in Equine Business Management/Equine Science and competes on the Women Equestrian Team.

Alumni Profile

Darin Selzler 2012 was born and raised in Crookston, Minn. His father, Bernard Selzler, was a professor and taught at the University of Minnesota Crookston for over 40 years. "I was familiar with the campus, several of the instructors, and knew UMN Crookston provided an exceptional education and learning experience," Selzler said.



Selzler is currently the lieutenant of the Crookston Police Department. He has been employed by the department for 17 years and has worked as a patrol officer, drug task force officer, juvenile officer, and detective. Prior to working at the Crookston Police

Police of the Crookston Police Department,” he said.

“After earning my associates degree I began my career in law enforcement and, within a couple of years, I quickly learned that to stay competitive and for future advancement, I would need to further my education,” Selzler stated. He earned his associate of science degree in criminal justice from Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, Minn., his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from UMN Crookston, and will graduate with his master’s degree in criminal justice leadership/administration in October 2020 from Concordia University, St. Paul, Minn.

Selzler says he was fortunate, as is the city of Crookston, to have such a top ranked university in their community. “Given my current work schedule/job description at the time, it would have been difficult, if not impossible, to attend any other university,” he said. During his tenure at the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, he worked with UMN Crookston senior lecturer, David Seyfried. “He had always promoted UMC and was instrumental in helping me register and navigate through my undergraduate coursework.

Growing up in Crookston and having a parent as a professor, Selzler said maroon and gold had always been a part of his life. “When thinking about what college to attend, UMC is a top ranked baccalaureate college in the U.S. that provides an outstanding state of the art learning experience on a small close-knit campus. UMN Crookston made the decision very easy, “why not attend UMC, he said?” Selzler says he is proud to have graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston and proudly promotes wearing maroon and gold University of Minnesota apparel.

Selzler has been married for 22 years and has two adult children. His daughter is a master cosmetologist and is a manager of a hair salon in Grand Forks, N.D., and his son graduated from Crookston High School and is preparing for his freshman year of college where he will be studying electrical engineering. Selzler’s wife, Chandra, graduated from UMN Crookston in 2003 and is a financial worker for Polk County Social Services. They make their home outside of Crookston on a hobby horse farm and enjoy spending weekends at their lake cabin.

