



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
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# CAMPUS WEEKLY UPDATE

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## LEADERSHIP LETTER

### From the Chancellor

I hope your week is going well. We continue, as a state and nation, to “turn the corner” on this pandemic. But now, more than ever, we need to continue to execute on the basics that got us this far.

Please remember to:

- Observe physical distancing,
- Wear your face covering,
- Wash your hands, and
- Avoid crowds.

I encourage all members of our community to get the vaccine, but of course it is your personal choice. As many of you are aware, both North Dakota and Minnesota have now made vaccinations available to all individuals age 16 and older.

Locally, [Altru Clinic in Crookston](#) is now accepting appointments for the vaccination. Those who are interested in receiving the vaccine are encouraged to schedule an appointment by calling 218-281-9100. You do not have to wait for information from the Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector. As of March 30, all residents 16 and older may get the COVID vaccine. Check with your primary health care provider or use the [MDH Vaccine Locator map](#) to find a vaccine appointment near you. The [North Dakota Department of Health](#) has opened access to the public to receive the COVID vaccine. If you are a North Dakota resident or if your healthcare provider is in North Dakota, you are eligible to get vaccinated in North Dakota. To assist you in finding a North Dakota location, log onto the [North Dakota vaccine locator](#).

The trial of Derek Chauvin started last week. I would like to encourage you to utilize the resources below as you experience the trial and continue ahead with our shared efforts to challenge and end racially motivated violence and discrimination. It is no exaggeration to say our nation is at a crossroads. So much has changed in the last year. We are all under stress, but through our most challenging moments can come our most significant progress.

- [Student mental health resources](#)
- [Faculty and staff mental health resources](#)
- [Opportunities for support and discussion related to the Derek Chauvin trial](#)
- [Office for Equity and Diversity and other resources](#)

In-person commencement ceremonies will be held on May 7-8. We have asked all students who are planning on walking through the ceremonies to let us know by April 5. At that time, we will know how many ceremonies will be required and the times, etc. Please have patience with us as we work through these details. The ceremony (or ceremonies) will be lived-streamed so all who are interested can attend virtually. Our capacities numbers will be calculated so each student will be allowed two guests.

Finally, this year represents the 51st anniversary of Earth Day. Our students have entered us into a friendly competition with college campuses across Minnesota to get involved with sustainability on our campus. As we emerge from the COVID-19 world, one of the things we can do as a community is to "build back better." There are many ways to do this, and our students have offered us this opportunity by participating in a challenge together to improve our campus and the world with a collective impact. The challenge runs from Monday, April 12 through Sunday, April 25. Consider engaging in this effort and [join the University of Minnesota Crookston Team](#).

Until next week,

Chancellor Mary



## Crookston Armory

### COVID-19 Community Testing Sites

Here are some helpful links from the Department of Health to share with your communities:

**No-cost State Community Testing Sites:** <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/community-testing.jsp>

**Order an At-Home Test at no cost:** <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html>

**Test Location Finder Map:** <https://mn.gov/covid19/get-tested/testing-locations/index.jsp>



### Stay Safe MN Social Media Images

Help mobilize Minnesotans in the largest vaccination effort in our state's history by sharing your enthusiasm to get vaccinated, showing when you get your shot, and encouraging your network to roll up their sleeves when it's their turn. Get your Facebook frame [here](#). You can also find cover photos for Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and more in the [social media toolkit](#).

### Crookston Student Association Faculty Staff Appreciation, March 31

Join the CSA with some ice cream honoring all faculty and staff on March 31 from 3-4 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge.

[Sign up today for the Blood Drive](#) slated for April 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Give blood, be tested for COVID-19 antibodies, and become a plasma donor for COVID patients.

### Student Success Center

#### Inspired Art Journal (Issue 8) Release, Thursday, April 8

Inspired features creative writing and art submitted by the UMN Crookston community during the 2020 year. This virtual program is from 3 to 4 p.m. via [this Zoom link](#). Copies of the newest and past journals are available in the UMN Crookston Library, Writing Center, and on the [Inspired website](#). View the event details [here](#).

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### Global Studies Virtual Symposium, April 23, 2021

The Global Studies Virtual Symposium connects global studies scholars across campuses and offers an engaging teaching and learning forum for sharing best practices, ideas, and resources with colleagues. To learn more about this free symposium, register [here](#).

### Commencement ceremony (or ceremonies) are planned.

UMN Crookston graduates from Fall 2019 to Fall 2020 and students expecting to graduate spring, summer, and Fall 2021 are invited to participate in this year's in-person commencement. Following Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Minnesota COVID-19 guidelines, there will likely be multiple ceremonies Saturday, May 8, and potentially the evening of May 7. This will allow for all graduates attending to bring two guests.

Students who expect to graduate this year and wish to attend commencement must apply for graduation through MyU and complete the [Spring 2021 Commencement Participate Survey](#) no later than April 5. Applying for graduation puts students on the list to be reviewed for degree posting after grades are posted for the term they apply. Completing the Commencement Survey puts the student on the list to participate in the commencement ceremony. Individuals who respond to the survey will receive more information about the commencement events as they become available. Please direct students to the Office of the Registrar if they have questions regarding their application for graduation or eligibility to participate in commencement.

### Graduate Guide to Commencement

In lieu of the typical in-person Grad Fest event held each spring, be sure to review the information [here](#) as your official guide to commencement. You'll find important details related to graduation from the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, Help Desk, the Bookstore, and more.



### UROC Community Day 10th Anniversary Celebration

Monday, June 21, 2021, University of Minnesota Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center|UROC staff, faculty, students and community partners invite you to celebrate ten years of groundbreaking research and vibrant community outreach at the [UROC Community Day/10th Anniversary Celebration](#). This year's virtual celebration will feature The Art of Transformation: We Thrive Together.

### Financial Aid

The University of Minnesota Scholarship in Honor of George Floyd is now accepting applications from all eligible students, including those with financial need and those who have been victims of police violence. To be eligible for the \$4,000 University of Minnesota Scholarship in Honor of George Floyd, you must be registered full-time in an undergraduate degree-seeking program at the University of Minnesota Crookston. The scholarship application is available at the [UMN Crookston Scholarship site](#).

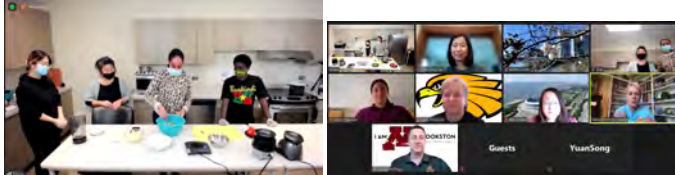
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### Campus Updates

#### International Programs

International Programs and Study Abroad hosted the final dinner of this year's International Dinner Series reimagined. Last night's guest of honor, Meredith McQuaid, associate vice president and dean of [Global Programs Strategy Alliance](#) joined in on the fun. Manise Mutake, Rwanda, demonstrated how to make two Rwandan appetizers; a salad and a soup with the help of Rae French, Yuan Song, and Rose Kansole. Special thanks to Rae French for all the work in creating the virtual series. Each Monday event created an engaging activity for students and the campus community.



#### UMN Headlines in 60 seconds

A new video series shares highlights of recent accomplishments by the University of Minnesota community. The series, "UMN Headlines in 60 seconds," will feature news from around the University of Minnesota System. The [first installment is available here](#).

Last Monday was [World Water Day](#). Befitting our status of "the land of 10,000 lakes," the University has a broad set of world-class leadership in water, ranging from [Aquatic Invasive Species](#) research and [groundwater management](#) to the [Minnesota Sea Grant](#) in Duluth, just to name three. We can all be very proud that our University is particularly vested in the quality of water in our great state. Art and performance have long transcended specific moments in time. They provide us with new perspectives and wisdom to approach the difficult conversations that we must have. I hope you regularly view [the events](#) available through this series and participate as you are able.

### Student Health Services

#### COVID Vaccine Information

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#### **Financial Aid**

Faculty and staff who would like to request a work study funded position(s) for next year should complete the following [request form](#). Deadline is Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

**Preventing Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, and Retaliation.** This online module, required for all employees and student workers, is part of the ongoing [President's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Misconduct \(PIPSM\)](#). All employees and student workers will be required to complete this module by May 27, 2021.

#### **Registrar**

Summer and Fall class registration appointments will begin Monday, April 5. The [class schedule](#) is now available. For more information regarding registration go to the [One Stop Student Services page](#). Note too, the Office of the Registrar has [new office hours](#).

#### **University Relations**

When approached directly by a media representative for interviews or story ideas, please forward those contacts to [Shawn Smith](#) and complete this [short form](#).

#### **Athletics**

The Minnesota Crookston baseball team remains undefeated with a 12-0 (8-0 NSIC) mark for the 2021 season and have continued their best start in program history. UMN Crookston swept Upper Iowa with two wins Sunday and a victory on Monday in Fayette, Iowa. The Golden Eagles will play No. 19 Augustana on Tuesday in Sioux Falls, S.D., before making their home debut at the UMC Baseball Field Friday, April 2 and 3 against Wayne State College. The Golden Eagles are currently tied for first in the NSIC with Minnesota State University.

The Golden Eagle softball team opened play on Monday with a split against Bemidji State University. UMN Crookston defeated the Beavers in extra innings 4-3. They fell 8-4 in the first game of the doubleheader. Minnesota Crookston softball opens up play at home Friday, April 2 against University of Sioux Falls, and Saturday, April 3 versus Southwest Minnesota State University.

The UMN Crookston Western Equestrian team concluded their regular season last weekend. The Golden Eagles were Reserve High Point Team at North Dakota State Friday, led by Olivia Becker earning High Point Rider. Saturday, the Golden Eagles were the Reserve High Point Team with Jordyn Newberg claiming Reserve High Point Rider. The Golden Eagles qualified six riders for the IHSA Regional Championships Sunday. Tristyn Bair, Newberg, Rebecca Clark, and Beatrice Streifel qualified for the IHSA Invitational in May.

The Golden Eagle tennis team returned to play last weekend. UMN Crookston continued to show improvement, especially with the play at No. 1 doubles from Michelle Swyter and Tasha Achermann. UMN Crookston fell 7-0 to St. Cloud State and 7-0 to Minnesota Duluth. They compete against Augustana and Sioux Falls April 11 in Grand Forks, N.D.

UMN Crookston's volleyball team will play a scrimmage at home Tuesday, March 30 at 4 p.m. versus University of Mary.

The Golden Eagle men's golf team placed 15th last week at the Washburn Invitational. They are currently competing at the Central Region Preview in Kansas City, Mo.

## — FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES —

#### **Accolades- Faculty & Staff Updates**

##### **Julie Sandman, academic advisor, online academic advisor, Student Success Center**

"I wanted to express my appreciation and give some kudos to my academic advisor, Julie Sandman. I have been at many other institutions and have never received the level of service that Julie provides. She always provides a quick and thorough response to my questions. I was so impressed yesterday when she helped me plan my classes and obtain approval to use one of my transfer credits the same day! She has been such a wonderful resource for me and I know that I can count on her."

Missy Juliette, UMN Crookston online student

## — HIGHLIGHTS —

#### **Alumni**

**Shawn and Barb (Heinze) Linder**

From cooking maple syrup, coaching baseball, and organizing a community food shelf, this dynamic duo continues to make an impact on Grand Rapids, Minn., the community, and region.

Grand Rapids High School ag instructor and FFA advisor Shawn Linder and spouse Barb (Heinze) Linder, both 2001 UMN Crookston alumni, continue to make an impact on students and families serving on local boards and committees.

“We organized a ‘knock out hunger’ program last year. Our goal was to generate enough money to purchase and deliver 20,000 meals. When all was said and done, we were able to collect additional monies through a financial match from the state of Minnesota, exceeding our goal by sixty-thousand meals. We may not have knocked out hunger but we created a phenomenal foundation for an outreach program including donors, volunteers, and our local FFA chapter. Maybe we knocked it down for an eight count,” Linder said.


Barb earned her degree in plant industries management with an emphasis in horticulture and Shawn with a degree in natural resource management. Shawn enrolled at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus to earn his master’s degree in agriculture education.

Both say the hands-on experiences at UMN Crookston gave them the edge they needed. Whether it was her ag sales skills and ability to tackle multiple projects, she credited her abilities of success to her campus experiences in the former Center for Ag and Natural Resources. “My work study position truly was the key to me doing so well. Being able to multitask is a must and having people throw work at you at any given time really prepared me,” says Barb Linder. Both Shawn and Barb agree UMN Crookston’s laptop and technology foundation continue to serve them well today. “My problem solving and de-escalation skills as a housing resident advisor were definitely enhanced as I collaborated with a variety of students on my floor. Working with other RA’s to enforce rules and provide enrichment programs to students on campus were valuable experiences,” Linder says.

Barb was involved in Collegiate FFA, Ag Arama, and the Horticulture Club while Shawn had similarities and played baseball at UMN Crookston. He was named NSIC All-Conference Honorable Mention his junior and senior years. “Consider UMC because you won’t ever find another college experience like it. The Crookston campus is a community within a community where you feel safe, you feel included, and you learn,” said Linder.



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