



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
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CAMPUS WEEKLY UPDATE

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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

My heart cries yet again as we seek to understand the tragedy Sunday in Brooklyn Center. I want to take an opportunity to express my deep sadness regarding the fatal shooting in Brooklyn Center of a 20-year-old Black man, Daunte Wright. Now and in the coming weeks and months, as details unfold, compounded with the ongoing trial of Derek Chauvin for the murder of George Floyd, we must acknowledge the

pain and fear that many of us are feeling, particularly those within the Black community. As we navigate these times together, be sure to check in with students as well as your colleagues, friends and family. Please use the [resources](#) provided in the President's email yesterday and be especially supportive and help our students who may need help processing and coping yet again.

Extraordinary in the Ordinary

It was a great weekend for some of our athletic teams. The teams would love to see you at their contests. It is exciting so many of them get to participate in their sport and your presence is appreciated by our students.

COVID Vaccinations

I highly encourage you to get your COVID vaccine. The pandemic is NOT over and we won't achieve herd immunity (70-80 percent) of the population if we don't take advantage of the vaccine. We will regress and be back to where we were last year. I have a daughter who lives in Europe and the vaccine has not been available to their populace, as it has been to us. Curfews, closed borders, and limiting freedoms is de rigueur for them. It could be ours soon. That is not what I want and I assume many of you feel the same way. To coin the old Nike phrase, "Just Do It."

Commencement

As I am sure you are aware, due to COVID restrictions, the Minnesota Department of Health caps the number of people who can be in indoor spaces. We have a significant number of students who wish to walk at their commencement, so we will be holding two celebrations.

Ceremonies will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 and have been split by Academic Divisions:

- Business and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education at 10 a.m.
- Math, Science & Technology and Agriculture and Natural Resources at 2 p.m.

Initially you were told we weren't sure if there would be room for you to participate in the graduation celebration. With two ceremonies, we have more flexibility for faculty and staff to attend. If you plan to participate and wear your regalia, let Chris Winjum know. There will be a faculty/staff processional at each ceremony.

For those of you that do not have your own regalia, contact the UMN Crookston Bookstore. The deadline to order a rental is April 16, and I know Leanne Butt (218-281-8334 or buttx005@umn.edu) would prefer to hear as soon as possible.

We will miss seeing Cleon Melsa, our retired faculty member, sitting in the stands cheering on the Golden Eagles. Cleon served as our faculty athletic representative for years and quietly provided encouragement to struggling students and athletes.

I've heard from our students that many of you are like Cleon. Extraordinary in the ordinary. Thank you.

CARES 2 Allocation

I am excited to announce we received our CARES 2 allocation late last week and will be receiving a total of \$1.8M. Of that portion, \$432,077 must be distributed directly to our on-campus students and \$136,716 to our online students. In the first tranche of funding our online students did not receive any allocation. This leaves \$1.2M to help with some of our COVID-19 expenses. It won't make us whole, but it certainly will help.

Legacy Lecture

We are launching a "legacy lecture" program. Made popular by Jeffrey Zaslow and Randy Pausch's 2008 book, *The Last Lecture*, the idea of the last lecture has a long history within American higher education. It will be held Friday, April 30 at 11 a.m. We have several retiring faculty who plan to join us. Details will be sent out soon. I wish to thank Unit Head and Associate Professor Kevin Thompson, who worked with UMN Crookston's previous Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs and Interim Chancellor, Barbara Keinath, to plan UMN Crookston's inaugural Legacy Lecture event.

New Alcohol Education Program

As you were informed last week, UMN Crookston is launching a comprehensive new alcohol education program that includes changing our alcohol policy to allow students to earn on-campus drinking privileges by participating in educational programs shortly before turning 21 and by abiding by the rest of the UMN Crookston's campus policies for responsible drinking.

Have a good week.

Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause



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>

SELFsustain, April 15, 2021 from 11:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

SELFsustain is a virtual event hosted by UMN Crookston. Students and the general University community are welcome to join us to learn about indigenous identity, community, and sustainability. Register below to attend the public presentations. Pre-register [here](#).

Join the 2021 Pi Run, April 17

Hosted by Alpha Lambda Delta at the University of Minnesota Crookston, there will be a few modifications to monitor COVID restrictions. Click the "Tickets Link" on the [Events Page](#) to register.

Horticulture - AgNatR Department

Campus Community Annual Bedding Plant Sale, April 28

Online shopping and pick-up available, scan the QR code or click [here](#) to begin shopping.



April 29 Spring Semester Research Presentations, 12 to 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in sharing their research with the campus community, please send the title, authors, and a 300 word abstract to Associate Professor [Venu Mukko](#) by April 22. You may join the Zoom presentation [here](#).

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Faculty and Staff Awards Celebration, virtual May 3 at 1 p.m.

Join virtually as the University of Minnesota Crookston acknowledges the work of outstanding faculty and staff during the Faculty/Staff Awards Celebration. The annual event recognizes years of service, retirements, and a series of awards including distinguished teaching, scholarly work, and service. Mark your calendar and join in on [Zoom](#).

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Chemistry Department of Math, Science and Technology

Timothy Dudley, Ph.D. teaches general chemistry lecture and lab courses. Dudley, committed to providing a quality educational experience in chemistry for his students, is a dedicated adviser to students in the health science and medical lab science programs. His research focus is in computational organometallic chemistry, but engages undergraduate students in both computational and experimental research projects. Join us [virtually](#) in celebrating Associate Professor Tim Dudley's [Horace T. Morse Award](#) Recognition May 3 at 2 p.m.

Preventing Sexual Misconduct, Discrimination, and Retaliation training

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.

Nominations are open for the UMN Crookston Distinguished P&A Award

Submit a letter of nomination electronically, outlining the nominee's qualifications to Chris Winjum, assistant to the Chancellor, cwinjum@umn.edu by April 19, 2021. The P&A award was established to annually recognize a member of the Professional and Administrative (P&A) staff who has made distinguished contributions to the mission of the University of Minnesota Crookston. This year's recipient will be recognized at the Staff Recognition event, receive a plaque, and a \$500 cash award. Nominations may come from administrators, faculty, staff, students, or student organizations. Self nominations are also permitted. Selection of the UMN Crookston Professional & Administrative Award will be based solely on the material included in the nomination. Previous award winners are found [here](#).

Distinguished "Staff Service" Civil Service, AFSCME Clerical/Technical, or Teamster Award nominations are open. Submit a [letter of nomination](#) to promote and recognize the excellence in job performance among University of Minnesota Crookston Civil Service, AFSCME Clerical/Technical, and Teamster employees. Nominations may be made by the University of Minnesota Crookston campus administrators, faculty, or staff. Individuals nominated, but not selected in prior years, may be renominated.

Business Affairs Office

Parking permits for 2021-22 will be available for purchase starting in August 2021. Watch for an email from [Renee Mulcahy](#), finance professional, at the beginning of August.

Camp Emerge (July/August) is a four-session virtual business leadership camp for rising juniors and seniors to gain personal, professional, and cultural leadership training to prepare for the business elements of any career. Hosted by the Carlson School of Management, this free virtual summer camp is designed for undergraduate students of color, women, LGBTQIA+, and first-generation students of all majors. Through workshops, listening sessions, breakout groups, and panel discussions, participants will develop career and networking skills, build their personal brand, and use self-reflection to identify and grow their leadership and problem-solving skills. [Apply](#) today and contact ProjectE@umn.edu with any questions.



The Radiant Lives of Animals and a History of Kindness on Tuesday, April 20 from 3-4:30 p.m.

Join award winning writer [Linda Hogan](#). Hogan is a Chickasaw poet, novelist, and essayist and has written extensively on the natural world and indigenous perspectives on nature and knowing. UMD Professor of American Indian Studies Linda LeGarde Grover, will engage in conversation about writing and indigenous thought. Advanced registration is requested: Linda Hogan Reading



Provide feedback on pandemic-related practices, policies, and services

The past year brought unprecedented circumstances that individuals, units, and colleges addressed with a range of approaches, some of which you may be happy to see go away as quickly as possible and others you may wish to be part of our new mode of operation. Please take a moment to [answer three questions](#) that will help us to better prepare for the return to campus. Your responses are confidential and all identifying information will be removed by the Office of Measurement Services.

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— FACULTY & STAFF UPDATES —

Accolades Faculty & Staff

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CAMPUS UPDATES

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.

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](#). If you, faculty, staff, and/or students have a story idea, event, or activity, do the same by completing this [campus story/release recommendation form](#).

International Teaching and Learning Committee

[Internationalizing Teaching and Learning \(ITL\)](#) is an intentional approach to maximizing students' international, global, and/or intercultural learning. Faculty interested in leading study abroad courses or experiences in the coming three years should indicate their interest by completing [this form](#) no later than April 20. If you have filled out the form in previous years, you do not need to fill it out again this year.

Summer/Fall Canvas site request

Summer course sites are auto-generated and fall semester sites should be ready by mid-April. Consider making requests for Canvas assistance as soon as possible to ensure timeliness. Course requests may be made to umcatss@crk.umn.edu

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Faculty/Staff - We invite/encourage you to attend the ceremony in regalia that aligns with your department. If you plan to participate, [email Chris Winjum](#). If you need regalia, contact the UMN Crookston Bookstore as soon as possible to rent. The deadline to order regalia is April 16. Graduating Students - an email was sent with directions for getting your two guest tickets. If you have any questions, contact [Chris Winjum](#).

Athletics

The UMN Crookston baseball team has continued their historic start to the 2021 season. The Golden Eagles are currently in first place in the NSIC for the first time and are 16-2 (11-2 NSIC) entering this week. The Golden Eagles are currently No.19 in the NCBWA poll, the highest-ever ranking for the program. They are slated to play two games against No.15 Minnesota State University, Mankato during the week. The games are currently in flux on what day they will occur due to forecasted weather. UMN Crookston will host University of Mary Saturday, April 17 at 1 and 3 p.m. and Sunday, April 18 at 12 p.m. at the UMC Baseball Field. The Golden Eagles took 3-of-4 games from Concordia-St. Paul last weekend. UMN Crookston has won 6-of-7 games against the Golden Bears.

The University of Minnesota Crookston hunt seat equestrian team wrapped up their 2021 regular-season Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11 with two home shows and the IHSA Regional Championship at Charles H. Casey Equine Arena at UTOC. The Golden Eagles claimed the Zone 7, Region 3 Championship for the third season in a row. In addition, Rachel Johnson earned the Cacchione Cup for Zone 7, Region 3. The Golden Eagles were named High Point Team on Saturday, led by Johnson earning High Point Rider, and Katie Orth claimed Reserve

High Point Rider. Sunday, Minnesota Crookston was again named High Point Team, led by Orth earning High Point Rider, followed by Johnson earning Reserve High Point Rider.

The tennis team concluded their season Friday in Grand Forks, N.D. UMN Crookston has continued to show improvement throughout the season. Minnesota Crookston honored seniors Karli Renney and Samantha Hartung, as well as 2020 senior Ashley Smith. Smith returned to Choice Health and Fitness in Grand Forks after not getting a true senior day due to COVID-19.

The UMN Crookston women's golf team is playing as we speak, as they are competing in their first tournament of the season at the Hardrocker Invite hosted by South Dakota School of Mines & Technology at Arrowhead Country Club in Rapid City, S.D. You can follow live scoring at <http://results.golfstat.com/public/leaderboards/gsnv.cfm?pg=participants&tid=21880>

The Minnesota Crookston softball team played games on the road Saturday at Minnesota State University Moorhead and Northern State University. The Golden Eagles got outstanding pitching on the weekend from Katie Humhej, Sofia Gombos, and Kamryn Frisk. UMN Crookston picked up a 5-1 win over the Dragons Saturday. They fell 1-0 to MSU Moorhead in the first game Saturday, and 1-0 to Northern State in game one Sunday. They fell 8-0 to the Wolves in the final game of the weekend.

The UMN Crookston volleyball team is holding a scrimmage at Gary Senske Court at Lysaker Gymnasium Wednesday, April 14 at 6 p.m. against Minot State University.

HIGHLIGHTS

Agriculture and Natural Resources Department

UMN Crookston's Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society cleared 35 acres of bushland habitat in Roseau County

The University of Minnesota Crookston's Student Chapter of The Wildlife Society along with faculty, staff, and other students cleared over 35 acres of bushland habitat in the [Palmville Wildlife Management Area](#) (WMA) in Roseau County last month. "It's the labs that provide the hands-on learning experience that convinced me to come to Crookston," said David Dunblazier, senior, natural resources. As a natural resource student, Dunblazier said all of his classes have heavy lab components where students get to take what is learned in the classroom and actually experience it, while learning the skills they need in their career.

John Loegering, Ph.D., certified wildlife biologist, professor, and wildlife extension specialist said the Student Chapter sponsored the vans, the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society bought everyone lunch and while the student chapter led the effort, they welcomed anyone willing to get outside to come along. Dunblazier said in-class discussion evolved around managing land for late successional species or early successional species, and for this brush cut they were clearing Tamarack trees to reset the successional clock and maintain an early successional habitat for Sharp-tailed Grouse.

Thirteen students and one faculty coordinated with Gary Huschle from the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society, who sponsored the event, cleared about 35 acres of tamarack trees in an important area used by many brushland wildlife, such as the sharp-tailed grouse, American woodcock, golden-winged warblers, and others. "They had great fun," said Loegering. He went on to say this is a fantastic hands-on experience where students can directly apply what they learn in class to habitat management on the ground. "Students did fantastic work to enhance this brushland for species like Sharp-tailed Grouse. Grouselike cover types that are open and treeless with a few shrubs," he said. Loegering shared the tamarack trees close in the area cleared are possible perch sites for predators. "Cutting them opens the landscape and improves the cover for many species. Our work will open that brushland for the next 25 years or more," he said.

The fifteen volunteers logged ten hours each of time and those hours are valued at approximately twenty-dollars an hour. "The Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society (MSGs) is a private non-profit professional organization and can use our hard work as an organizational match or buy in when they apply for grants, so that is \$3,000 dollars worth," said Loegering. He went on to say the Minnesota Sharp-tailed Grouse Society applies for grants that typically require a five percent match. "Thus, our work (\$3000) translates into an additional \$60,000 in grant funds," Loegering said. It's that additional money that will be used to pay for the prescribed fire crew or the winter bulldozer and brush shearing crew that will follow the students' efforts. "The work we did on Saturday was impactful beyond habitat improvement," he concluded.

