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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Happy Earth Day on April 22.

Our Baseball Team is Nationally Ranked!

Wow—what a reason to celebrate! The University of Minnesota Crookston baseball team moved up one spot in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) poll released recently. The Golden Eagles are ranked 18th nationally, the highest for this program and have also been ranked as high as No. 1 in the NSIC this season!

Check the [calendar](#) and the weekly update for events happening. You also may have noticed a weekly email from Student Affairs providing opportunities to attend events going on at our place, our home, our university.

Get Vaccinated

Speaking of events, you are probably noticing things are opening up. We can get to more “normal,” more quickly if we all work together. One of the fastest ways to get to our herd immunity is to get vaccinated. There are many opportunities to get your vaccine if you haven't already. Here are [local sources](#).

Space for Black Students

There are specific and special spaces for students to gather in times of need, or simply, times of fellowship. When the lack of this type of space on the UMN Crookston campus was discussed at a recent campus leadership meeting, things were put in motion immediately to identify a temporary space that would be safe and welcoming for our Black student population. The Alumni Room located in Kiehle 124 has been reserved through the end of the semester as a temporary site for this purpose. These arrangements are underway with collaboration of the offices of Student Success, Residential Life, and University and Alumni Relations. The space will be open to Black students from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day beginning Monday, April 19. Much like the campus provides a space for our Veteran students, efforts will be made over the summer months to identify and prepare a permanent gathering space for our Black students and others.

Sustainable Development Goals

As we reflect on the 51st anniversary of Earth Day this week, let's continue to better align and coordinate with the System wide strategic plan and I want to ensure all on campus are aware of opportunities that will become more prominent on our campus. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) include 17 goals adopted in 2015 by the United Nations as a worldwide framework to end poverty, address social injustice, and protect our planet. These goals have been widely adopted at the University of Minnesota and we are becoming a significant thought-leader in how businesses and communities can systematically achieve positive outcomes. As such, you will see a growing amount of coordination around these goals as we develop opportunity-based programming and initiatives as we take our place in this thought-leadership. You can learn more from the United Nations website <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>. I hope you will explore the possibilities and are as excited as I am to shape how we will participate in developing UMN's expertise in this critical area.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Sustainable Development Goals. Retrieved April 17,2021, from <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>.

Walter Mondale Passing

Yesterday we lost a native son of Minnesota in the former Vice President and U.S. Senator for Minnesota Walter Mondale, he was 93. Mondale was the 1984 Presidential nominee for the Democratic Party who selected a woman as a Vice Presidential running mate. He was a U of M alum who had a long career as a public servant of our country, we extend our condolences to his family.

Until next week. Be well and stay safe.

Chancellor Mary



Crookston Student Association 2021 ballot available, vote today

The University of Minnesota Crookston Student Association (CSA) is the governing organization for the student body. Students take a few minutes to vote for next year's President and Secretary.

COVID-19 Community Testing Sites

Here are some helpful links from the Department of Health

- 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>

Managing Stress Virtual Workshop, April 28, at 2p.m.

Getting out of “Fight/Flight/Freeze” mode and entering into “Rest and Digest” mode is key to reducing stress and increasing our productive energy. Participants in this virtual workshop will practice three simple and effective techniques to activate their parasympathetic nervous system. While targeted toward students, faculty and staff are welcome to attend.

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 [Dr. Venu Mukko](#) by April 22. You may join the Zoom presentation [here](#).

Legacy Lecture, Friday, April 30, 11 a.m.

Legacy Lecture, is a 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. Join us [via Zoom](#) and hear from former faculty James Schaar and Barry Stephens.

CLICK FOR ALL EVENTS

CAMPUS UPDATES

Graduating students only

Graduating students are to complete the newly developed [Post Graduation Survey](#). These students will also be receiving email invitations to complete the survey, as well as a link on their MyU portal. It is brief and should take no more than five minutes to complete.

Graduate Guide to Commencement

Are you ready for graduation? 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.

Commencement, May 8

Ceremonies, split by academic divisions, will be held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 in Lysaker Gymnasium.

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

Athletics

The Golden Eagle women's golf team opened the season last week at the Hardocker Invite in Rapid City, S.D., and the Augustana Spring Invitational in Sloux Falls, S.D. UMN Crookston had their lowest round since 2017-18 with a 371. Ellen Solem shot an 85 in the first round of the Hardocker Invite, while Abby Stender shot an 86 in the first round. Minnesota Crookston will compete in the NSIC Women's Golf Championship in Morton, Minn., April 23-25.

The Minnesota Crookston softball team picked up a 3-0 win Saturday against Upper Iowa University. UMN Crookston currently has a 7-23 (3-13 NSIC) mark. Minnesota Crookston returns home Thursday, April 22 to host St. Cloud State at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. UMN

Crookston will also be home this weekend as they take on Concordia University-St. Paul Saturday, April 24 at 12 and 2 p.m., and Sunday, April 25 against Minnesota State University, Mankato at 12 and 2 p.m.

The Golden Eagle men's golf team had their best showing at the NSIC Men's Golf Championship since 2014 as they finished eighth overall. UMN Crookston was led by Connor Humble, who finished in the Top 20 for the third-time in his career at the NSIC Championship. Cade Pederson had a strong debut, as the redshirt freshman finished tied for 23rd for the Golden Eagles. The UMN Crookston men's golf team has a strong core returning for the 2021-22 season as they have now concluded the 2020-21 season.

The UMN Crookston baseball team moved up a spot to No. 18 in the NCBWA poll. The Golden Eagles currently have a 16-2 (11-2 NSIC) mark and are currently second in the NSIC standings. UMN Crookston is slated to return to play Thursday, April 22 at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. at home against Southwest Minnesota State University before hitting the road Saturday, April 24 and Sunday, April 25 against St. Cloud State.

HIGHLIGHTS

Alumni

Wemimo Abbey, '13

The University of Minnesota Crookston is excited to announce alumnus Wemimo Abbey 2013, recently featured in the New York Times for work related to his multimillion dollar company, will provide the commencement address for both ceremonies Saturday, May 8.

UMN Crookston commencement organizers stated that in order to have a safe commencement and follow COVID-19 protocols from the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health there will be two commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 8, in Lysaker Gymnasium. Abbey will attend and address both in-person events, which will be split into two academic divisions. Business and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Education will have a ceremony at 10 a.m., while Math, Science, and Technology and Agriculture and Natural Resources will convene at 2 p.m. Each student attending the graduation will be allowed two guests at their respective ceremony. Approximately 200 students will participate in this year's graduation ceremonies. For more on this story, click [here](#).



Left to right: Samir Goel and Wemimo Abbey, co-founders ESUSU

