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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Have You Ever Wondered?

Have you ever wondered something and then it turns out others have too, but you didn't know it? A while

ago Associate Professor Ken Myers, business, surfaced a question which I had also. Why don't our streets on campus have names? They do on the other University of Minnesota campuses. Are you interested in exploring the possibility of naming our streets? If so, we would like you to be part of the group to look into this. It will require learning about policies to allow it, the process, etc. Contact Chris Winjum if you're interested. Ken Myers will be chairing the group. Depending on the availability of those in the group, this may begin this summer but most likely early fall when all are back on contract.

One of the things I miss with having so many Zoom meetings is the ability to get to know people a little better before and yes, sometimes even side conversations during meetings. So instead of having silence waiting for the event to start, I often will ask questions. Sometimes it is personal, like your favorite candy bar or vacation place. Sometimes it is random things, such as why the number 13 connotes bad luck or where did the expression "a bridge too far" come from? I know I work with really intelligent people who probably should be contestants on Jeopardy. There is always an immediate answer and they don't have time to look up an answer. One person who never ceases to amaze me with his knowledge is Rutherford Johnson. Someday I will ask a question he doesn't know the answer to—but it hasn't happened yet.

American Indian Advisory Board

All University of Minnesota campuses are convening individuals to serve on our American Indian Advisory Boards. Morris has had a group to guide them through the years but the rest of our campuses have not, even though such a board is mandated by the Board of Regents. Our initial group will meet via Zoom on May 4. The purpose of the groups is to provide guidance on how to best serve Native American students on our campuses and be engaged in a meaningful way with our Native nations. We are looking for an on-campus student with Native American heritage who might be interested in serving on the board.

The individuals listed below have graciously agreed to serve on our board:

- Lisa Brunner, student services and extension director, White Earth Tribal and Community College
- Derrick Cupp, online student representative
- LeRoy Fairbanks, District III Representative, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Laurie Harper, director of education, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
- Annette Johnson, treasurer, Red Lake Nation
- Lorna LaGue, president, White Earth Tribal and Community College
- Desirie Wilson, director of internal audit and compliance, Red Lake Nation

Board of Regents Meeting

Our campus will be presenting at the May 14 Board of Regents meeting. All system campuses have been invited to address a series of questions below:

- Concisely describe the strategic plan for your campus and how it supports and ties to the Systemwide strategic plan.
- What is the unique identity of your campus and what types of students are you seeking to serve?
- What is your optimal enrollment and how will you position your campus to achieve it?
- What strategies will be employed to manage administrative costs?
- What can/should the system do to support the success of your campus?

The Rochester campus addressed the Regents in March and we will be addressing these at the May meeting. Duluth is on the agenda for June and Morris in July. We will send you the URL when they are published and available.

Congratulations to Faculty

One of the most significant moments in the career of any faculty member is the one when they are awarded tenure. I am proud to share that Provost Croson is recommending four members of our faculty for this significant achievement at the May 13 Board of Regents meeting. Dani Johannesen, Tony Schroeder, and Eddie Walker II are being recommended for tenure and advancement in rank to associate professor. Ali Saeedi, whose prior achievements were the basis for his current rank of associate professor, is also being recommended for tenure.

Check the Event Calendar

It is a busy time as we near the year's end. Check the campus event calendar daily and ensure that you aren't missing important times. For instance, in the next two weeks there is a high level overview of things happening:

- April 30, 11 a.m. [Legacy Lecture](#)
- May 3, 1 p.m. Attend in person in Bede or virtual [Faculty and Staff Awards](#)
- May 8, 10 a.m. Commencement for students in [Business, Arts, and Education Division](#)
- May 8, 2 p.m. Commencement for students in [Agriculture Science, and Technology Division](#)

Until next week,

Chancellor Mary



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>

Music and Theatre performances

Today, April 27, at 7 p.m., the UMN Crookston Choir will perform in Bede Ballroom with the audience limited to 40 people from the campus community (students, faculty, staff). This event will be livestreamed; find out more on the [Events Page](#).

The UMN Crookston String Ensemble along with the "Bells of Praise" will perform Wednesday, April 28, at 7 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church. This will be [livestreamed](#) on the First Presbyterian Church website, and all are welcome to attend with social distancing and masks required.

Friday, April 30, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 1 at noon, Janessa Millar presents her UROP proposal project which is her creation of a mini Broadway musical review in Bede Ballroom. This will also be livestreamed. Find more information on the [Events Page](#).

Managing Stress Virtual Workshop, April 28, at 2 p.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 [Venu Mukko](#), Ph.D., by April 22. You may join the Zoom presentation [here](#).

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

The inaugural event will be facilitated by UMN Crookston's previous Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs and Interim Chancellor Barbara Keinath, Ph.D. Join us [via Zoom](#) to listen to the Legacy Lectures provided by retired faculty member James Schaar and retiring faculty member Barry Stephens.

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.

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.

Residential Life

The [2021-2022 Housing Contract](#) is now available, sign up week began yesterday using our new [Housing Portal](#). A housing contract and \$50 application fee is required from every student.

Eagle Bucks

Attention Students, don't forget to use up those Eagle Bucks before the end of the school year at the following: Hong's, Caribou/C-Store and the Evergreen Grill. On campus venues close for semester May 7.

On campus venue hours remain through May 7:

Brown – 11 am – 1 pm & 5 pm – 7 pm

Eagle's Nest – 7 am – 11 am (Hot breakfast served 7 am – 9 am)

Evergreen – 11 am – 8 pm

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.

Business Affairs Office

Parking permits for 2021-2022 will be available for purchase beginning in August 2021. Watch for an email from Renee Mulcahy, finance professional, at the beginning of August.

CLICK FOR ALL EVENTS

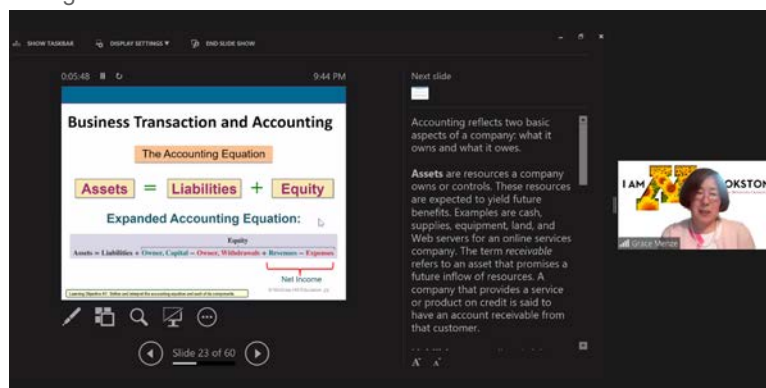
CAMPUS UPDATES

Departures

BreezieLynn Lund, human resource generalist - April 26

Business and Humanities, Social Sciences and Education Department

UMN Crookston accounting department is offering a microcredential certificate to Xi'an Peihua University (XPHU) in China. A sample lecture was held last week with a session of 300 students and administrators in XPHU. Students watched the "Major in the Making of You" video and another created by our international students to see the experience our international students go through at UMN Crookston during this session.



The screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Business Transaction and Accounting". The main content is "The Accounting Equation" which states: $Assets = Liabilities + Equity$. Below this is the "Expanded Accounting Equation": $Assets = Liabilities + (Current Capital + Owner's Withdrawals + Retained Earnings - Expenses) + Net Income$. A small video inset in the bottom right corner shows a woman speaking, with a logo that says "I AM CROOKSTON".

International Programs

IIE Emergency Student Fund COVID-19 Awards

Last year UMN Crookston nominated five international students for the Institute of International Education Emergency Student Fund (ESF) COVID-19 Awards and received three grants out of 872 applications.

This year three students were nominated receiving one out of 154 awards. We are thankful to the donors of the IIE to support international students who are in need of aid during this pandemic.

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.

Office of Information Technology

Students who have received a degree, consider [forwarding your email](#). Students must log in to their University Gmail at least every three months. If it's been more than three months since the last login, the account will be closed.

Financial Aid

Students, the deadline to complete the specialty scholarship application is May 1. Click [here](#) for more information.

Congratulations Lauren Wallace, Outstanding Student Employee of the Year 2020-21

Wallace, a senior double majoring in sport and recreation management and marketing will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

Athletics

The UMN Crookston women's golf team finished 11th at the 2021 NSIC Women's Golf Championship at Dacotah Ridge Golf Course in Morton, Minn. This finish for the Golden Eagles is highest for the Golden Eagles since the 2015-16 season when they placed in the same place.

UMN Crookston shot an 1,145 for the tournament with rounds of 374, 378, and 393. The Golden Eagles bested Minnesota State University Moorhead and Upper Iowa University.

The Golden Eagles were guided by Ellen Solen who shot rounds of 82, 88, and 94 to place in a tie for 34th. Abby Stender carded rounds of 89, 86, and 93 to tie for 38th. Peyon Hennen shot rounds of 95, 101, and 100. Tiffany Kozojed carded rounds of 108, 109, and 106. Lachlan Larson shot 111, 103, and 110.

Solen and Stender are the top-placing Golden Eagles since Ashlee Humble placed in a tie for 29th at the 2016-17 NSIC Women's Golf Tournament.

The Minnesota Crookston baseball team returned to action against Southwest Minnesota State Thursday and St. Cloud State University Saturday and Sunday. The Golden Eagles picked up a split with the Mustangs Thursday, but suffered their first sweep to the Huskies in a three-game weekend series.

Minnesota Crookston is currently ranked No. 24 in the nation and are set for their final games at home. The Golden Eagles will host Northern State University Wednesday, April 28, at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. UMN Crookston will play their final home games Saturday, May 1, at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m., and Sunday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. The games will be the final home tilts for 13 seniors for the Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles enter the week with a 17-6 (12-6 NSIC) record.

The UMN Crookston softball team split with St. Cloud State Thursday. The Golden Eagles picked up a 6-5 victory. Minnesota Crookston was swept Saturday by Concordia University, St. Paul. Minnesota Crookston fell in a pair of games Sunday to 18th-ranked Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The Golden Eagles travel to face Wayne State College Saturday, May 1, and Augustana University Sunday, May 2.

HIGHLIGHTS

UMN Transdisciplinary Collaboration Receives \$12,000 Grant to Create Spaces, Events and Activities to Showcase Indigenous Culture and the Environment.

Four faculty, including UMN Crookston's Katy Chapman Ph.D., Math, Science and Technology, and David Syring, Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, Sociology & Criminology, College of Liberal Arts, and Jennifer Liang, Ph.D., Department of Biology, Swenson College of Science and Engineering along with Peter Murdock, Ph.D., Levin Institute on the Environment all of UMN Duluth will launch a series of events, activities, and discussions related to "Transdisciplinary Engagements with Contemporary Indigenous Thinkers".

This research and creative collaboration is funded by the University of Minnesota's [Institute for Advanced Study \(IAS\)](#). IAS is a resource for scholars, artists, professionals, and students who are engaged in a wide variety of study and practice. The IAS also serves as a bridge between the University and the wider community as a place where people meet and ideas are exchanged. The Institute for Advanced Study provides funding support for faculty research, interdisciplinary collaborative research, and public programming, as well as a range of other support for faculty, staff, students, the general public, and community partners.

"What's cool about this, is that you can take indigenous knowledge that has been passed down with a different way of knowing, that tells us the same scientific process to storytelling, that includes science," said Katy Chapman, UMN Crookston associate professor and sustainability coordinator. Chapman said the collaboration will aid in better communication of science.

"The title, Transdisciplinary Engagements with Contemporary Indigenous Thinkers, comes from (anthropology) my sense the insights that come out of indigenous thinking are valuable across a number of disciplines. The kinds of insights indigenous cultures have about the environments they live in, feels essential for us to respect and pay attention to and I want to try to create spaces, work with others to create spaces for indigenous writers," Syring said. Syring says he is imagining and hopes this systemwide collaboration will facilitate opportunities from writers, thinkers, and students. "Anyone can be a scientist; it's the art, writing, and creative ways of science that is embedded into outreach activities," said Chapman. Some events kicked off virtually at the Crookston campus earlier this month.

"This project highlights the power of faculty collaboration, connecting cross disciplinary work with Native American communities and scholars. The connections Chapman has made across the UMN System, along with this award, will further enable her and others, within the system, to build partnerships in biology, agronomy, and sustainability," said John Hoffman, senior vice chancellor of academic affairs.

