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# Community Invited to Dedication of \$3.5 Million Apartment-style Residence Hall at UMC on October 12, 2006; New Facility Drives 20 Percent Increase in On-Campus Living

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Centennial Hall will be dedicate Oct. 12, 2006

CROOKSTON, MN (October 3, 2006) – Centennial Hall, the new \$3.5 million residence hall at the University of Minnesota, Crookston will be dedicated on Oct. 12, 2006, in a community celebration. Tours of the facility begin at 9 a.m. with the ceremony taking place at 11 a.m. Special guests include the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, President Robert Bruininks, First Lady Susan Hagstrum and Board of Regents UMC Student Representative Melissa Herbst. Community members are encouraged to attend.

"We are very excited that on-campus living has increased about 20 percent this fall with the addition of Centennial Hall and updates to other living areas on campus," UMC Director of Residential Life Gary Willhite said. "This new building demonstrates our commitment to provide the best educational experience for students both in and out of the classroom."

The option to live in Centennial Hall was popular and six hours after sign up began, the hall was filled to capacity. Students moving into Centennial Hall for the first time this fall were greeted by the latest in apartment-style living on a university campus. The 21 apartments include two bedrooms each and house four students who share the kitchen and living room area. They are air-conditioned and have full-sized refrigerators, microwaves and dishwashers. All units are fully furnished and have wired and wireless Internet access. Access to an exercise room equipped with stationary bikes and elliptical machines is also available in the building.

The exterior of Centennial Hall, aptly named because it was built during the yearlong celebration of the UMC campus centennial, reflects the traditional maroon and gold of the University of Minnesota with its gold-colored brick and maroon hip roof. The color scheme also shows up in the interior's use of maroon and gold in the carpets and other furnishings. Maroon and gold were also central color themes for the year-old Student Center and the Kiehle Building, which was renovated in 2003.

As part of the Centennial Hall construction project, updates were made to the adjoining, former Westside apartments. Centennial Hall is now part of the residence hall complex on campus that includes Skyberg and McCall halls and Brink Hall, which was upgraded with fire sprinklers this summer to meet the increased demand for on-campus living.

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