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The Board of Regents adopted the Regents' Seal, shown on the cover, in 1939 as the corporate seal of the University of Minnesota. The Latin motto, "Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus," means "A common bond for all the arts." The lamp represents the metaphysical sciences. The telescope represents the physical sciences. The plow represents the industrial arts, and the palette and brush represent the fine arts.

Looking Back, Looking Forward - Our Tradition of Growth and Change

Today, May 7, 2011, we celebrate the 103rd graduating class of this campus. The very first was in 1909, when this site was home to the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA), a residential high school. Today also marks the 44th graduating class of this campus as an institution of higher learning and the 18th graduating class as a baccalaureate university. While the Crookston campus has a proud legacy of growth and change, two things have remained constant throughout its history: a strong affiliation with the University of Minnesota and the presence of talented, caring faculty and staff.

In the spring of 1909 the first eight graduates of the NWSA received diplomas from the newly-established agricultural high school. The NWSA opened its doors in 1906 and provided “training in the technical and practical business of agriculture and the art of homemaking.” Over the next 62 years 5,433 graduates completed their high school education at the NWSA.

Changing educational needs in the 1960s led to a new role for the campus. In the fall of 1966 classes began for 185 students enrolled at the new University of Minnesota Technical Institute. Associate degrees were offered in three academic divisions: Agriculture, Business, and General Studies. Students of the NWSA and the U of M “Tech” shared the campus for two years.

In 1968 a torch was passed—figuratively and literally—from the 60th and final graduating class of the NWSA to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute, now an official coordinate campus of the University of Minnesota. From 1968 to 1994, associate degrees were granted to 4,693 graduates. The tradition of passing the torch from one class to the next continues to this day as part of commencement ceremonies.

The University of Minnesota, Crookston entered the next stages of its evolution in the early 1990s as it earned approval to offer baccalaureate degrees and as it made national history in 1993 by providing students and faculty members with notebook computers to become the first “Laptop University.” By the end of the academic year in 1994, 20 students had completed bachelor’s degree requirements. They were recognized at the 86th commencement ceremonies.

The U of M, Crookston awarded its first “distance” or online bachelor’s degree in 2001. In some cases, commencement now may be the first time a graduate actually sets foot on the campus, making the event all the more special.

Today, the University of Minnesota, Crookston is one of five campuses of the prestigious University of Minnesota system. With an enrollment of 1,450 undergraduate students from 29 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive career-oriented education.

We take pride in our students, faculty, and staff and in what they accomplish here: teaching, learning, research, and service. We all are enriched by the education, experiences, and relationships built here. This campus will be a memorable touchstone in our graduates’ lives as they go out into the world and make good things happen.



Commencement Program

Chancellor Charles H. Casey presiding

Prelude A Touch of Brass

The audience will rise for the processional and remain standing for the National Anthem.

Processional - "Pomp and Circumstance" by Edward Elgar A Touch of Brass

The processional is led by the Mace-Bearer, William Peterson. The procession includes Faculty Marshal W. Daniel Svedarsky, PhD, the faculty, staff, candidates for degrees, and platform guests.

"The Star Spangled Banner" by Francis Scott Key A Touch of Brass

Sung by the audience, led by degree candidates Daniel Kuske and Timothy Unke

Everyone may be seated.

"Wings" by Carl Strommen U of M, Crookston Choir

Directed by George French, Associate Professor of Music and Theater
Accompanied by Michelle Ramstad

Welcome Charles H. Casey, DVM, Chancellor

Greetings from the University of Minnesota Administration Robert Jones, PhD

Senior Vice President for System Academic Administration

Greetings from the University of Minnesota

Board of Regents The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr.

Chair, University of Minnesota Board of Regents

Address Robert Bruininks, PhD

President, University of Minnesota

Presentation of University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award

to Kari Torkelson, OD, ex. '91 Robert Bruininks, PhD

Presentation of Candidates Thomas Baldwin, EdD

Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs

Introduction of Candidates Lynnette Mullins, MEd, Assistant Professor

Liberal Arts and Education Department

Conferring of Degrees The Honorable Clyde Allen, Jr.

Congratulatory Remarks from the Alumni Association Juanita A. Lopez, Class of 2008

President, University of Minnesota, Crookston Alumni Association

Speaking for the Student Body..... Shawn Friedland
Crookston Student Association President

Passing of the Torch.....Shawn Friedland to Alisha Aasness
Crookston Student Association President-Elect

“I Leave With A Song” by Cristi Cary Miller U of M, Crookston Choir

Closing Comments Charles H. Casey, DVM

The audience will rise for the Minnesota Hymn and remain standing for the recessional.

“Hail! Minnesota”..... Sung by the audience
(words on inside of back cover)

Recessional.....A Touch of Brass

The audience is requested to remain in their seats until the recessional has left the gymnasium.

Student Marshals

Members of Alpha Lambda Delta - First Year Honor Society

Nana Boaten

Bryce Gillie

Amy Van Treeck

Jessica Charles

Trey Johnston

Holly Wrzos

Austin Czichotzki

Melanie Rodriguez



Kari Torkelson, OD, Recipient of the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award

Dr. Kari Torkelson, originally from the Thief River Falls area, is among this year’s recipients of the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award, one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon alumni of the U of M system. Torkelson attended the U of M, Crookston from 1989 to 1991 while the campus was still a two-year technical college. As a student, she participated in volleyball and basketball, sang in the choir, served as a resident assistant, and was active in Campus Ministry. She transferred to North Dakota State University in Fargo and then to Indiana University, Bloomington, where she completed her bachelor’s degree. She went on to complete her doctorate of optometry there as well. She is currently an optometrist at Lifetime Vision Center in Grand Forks, N.D. Torkelson participates in many service activities. She is a member of the UMC Teambacker Board, All-Campus Advisory Board, North Dakota School for the Blind Foundation Board, and the Red River Habitat for Humanity Board. For several years, she was a member of the Grand Forks Master Chorale and served on that board, and she is a past president of the U of M, Crookston Alumni Association (UMCAA). We congratulate Kari on being the first U of M, Crookston alum to receive the University of Minnesota Alumni Service Award.

Safety and Special Needs

If you have any special needs during today’s event, please contact a university staff person stationed at the exits near the hallway. They can direct you to a variety of university personnel prepared to assist you.

For your safety, please take a brief moment to locate Lysaker Gymnasium’s exits. They are located to either side of the stage which will take you directly outside, and along the west wall which will take you out to the central hallway and then outside.

In the event of an emergency, choose the nearest exit and evacuate the gymnasium quickly and safely. Listen for further instructions from University event staff. Remain outside the building until the “all clear” is given by emergency responders.

Cell Phones and Pagers

Out of respect for all in attendance and for this important ceremony, please turn off or set all cell phones and pagers to silent mode.

Candidates for Graduation

Spring Semester, 2011

Baccalaureate Degrees will be conferred upon those listed below, subject to the completion of all curriculum requirements.

High Distinction

**Jason Marcus Bronstad..... Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
Stacy Ann Flikka, Crookston, MN..... Early Childhood Education
*Christopher Scott Fowler, Orlando, FL..... Business Management
Wayne J. Frisell, Alexandria, MN Accounting
*Mark Gallivan, Chicago, IL Business Management
Lhakpa Gurung, Mustang, Nepal..... Early Childhood Education
Thomas Shane Haarstick, Vergas, MN Agricultural Systems Management
***Eun Hye Kang, Seoul, South Korea Communication
***Samantha J. Maki, Hoyt Lakes, MN Early Childhood Education
*Mindy Adell Nieuwboer, Kenneth, MN..... Equine Science
Derek Thomas Ricke, Park Rapids, MN..... Sport and Recreation Management
Erin Marie Shaw, Lancaster, MN..... Accounting; Business Management

Distinction

Nathaniel Carl Aho, Menasha, MN..... Business Management
*Jenna Christine Benoit, Crookston, MN..... Business Management
Jonathan C. Borge, Ada, MN..... Agricultural Systems Management; Agronomy
Katie Marie Bowar, Moorhead, MN..... Business Management; Marketing
Elliot William Bridgeman, Big Lake, MN Manufacturing Management
**Amanda Victoria Carter, Maple Grove, MN..... Business Management
Chasity Mae Drees, Grafton, ND..... Criminal Justice
Jason Robert Kraus, Monticello, MN Golf and Turf Management
*Bonnie Jean LaPlante, Fergus Falls, MN Applied Health
Qian Liu, Shenzhen, China Business Management
*David John Miller, Saint Michael, MN..... Manufacturing Management
**Casey Rae Misialek, Grafton, ND Organizational Psychology
*Brandon Sachwitz, Sterling, AK..... Biology; Health Sciences
*Derek Sayres, Lonsdale, MN Manufacturing Management; Quality Management
Jacqueline R. Schlangen, Paynesville, MN Animal Science
Katherine D. Schliep, Holloway, MN Animal Science
Jerryann Joannie Thomas, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands Accounting
Amanda Lynn Thorsvig, Detroit Lakes, MN..... Agricultural Education
**Jian Hao Alvin Tong, Singapore Business Management; Natural Resources
Brittany Ellen Walberg, Frederick, SD..... Equine Science
**Ashley Marie Williams, New Brighton, MN Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management

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| *Teresa A. Aakre, Hawley, MN..... | Animal Science |
| Alyssa D. Aaland, Northwood, ND | Animal Science |
| *Adeboye O. Adeyeye, London, England..... | Business Management |
| ***Shukri A. Ahmed, Hopkins, MN | Applied Studies |
| **Abraham Babatunde Alade, Nigeria | Manufacturing Management |
| *Christopher Michael Anderson, Bloomington, MN | Manufacturing Management |
| Paul Nathan Anderson, Kasson, MN..... | Natural Resources |
| Tyler Dean Anderson, Thief River Falls, MN | Business Management |
| BillieJo M. Armbrust, Forest River, ND..... | Agricultural Business; Animal Science |
| ***Christopher R. Awender, Crookston, MN | Sport and Recreation Management |

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| Maxine V. Bach, Wells, MN..... | Animal Science; Equine Science |
| Molly McGinnity Bahr, Fridley, MN..... | Health Management |
| Boe R. Beito, Strathcona, MN..... | Communication |
| *Melinda Katherine Baszczynski, Earlham, IA | Equine Science |
| *Kathleen Kelly Bentley, St. Paul, MN..... | Communication |
| Carrie Lynn Bergquist, Crookston, MN | Business Management |
| Nicholas Steven Bernard, Savage, MN..... | Manufacturing Management |
| *Andrew Zane Beske, Minnesota Lake, MN | Golf and Turf Management |
| *Gerald Michael Biggers II, Santa Fe Springs, CA | Communication |
| *Christopher L. Bittmann, Crookston, MN | Natural Resources |
| ***Jamie Lynn Blair, Galloway, NJ | Health Management |
| Matthew D. Blair, Brainerd, MN | Aviation; Natural Resources |
| *Camren Dale Blank, Hopkins, MN | Manufacturing Management |
| Jeremy Lee Bodensteiner | Natural Resources |
| *Kristopher M. Boike, Deerwood, MN | Applied Studies |
| Kayla Nicole Bowar, Moorhead, MN..... | Business Management; Marketing |
| Cody Allen Brekken, Crookston, MN | Sport and Recreation Management |
| *Thomas Arnold Brinkmann, Glencoe, MN..... | Applied Health |
| Julianne Kimberly Brissett, Plant City, FL | Business Management |
| *Jacqueline E. Brosnan, Corcoran, MN..... | Quality Management |
| Ryan A. Brummer, Buffalo, MN..... | Natural Resources |
| Christopher Allen Bryant, Minneapolis, MN..... | Natural Resources |
| Christopher Craig Bultje, Mound, MN | Applied Health |
| *Amy Marie Burke, Crookston, MN..... | Sport and Recreation Management |

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| Alejandra Cabrera Sanchez, Houston, TX | Natural Resources |
| Krystal M. Caldwell, Warwick, ND | Animal Science |
| ***Michele Marie Caldwell, Delavan, WI..... | Applied Studies |
| **Robert W. Canny III, Oshkosh, WI | Business Management |
| Heather Rene'e Capper, Prospect, KY | Business Management |
| David Randall Carignan, Walhalla, ND | Aviation |
| David John Carnell, Solana Beach, CA | Quality Management |
| *Virginia Lee Carrlson, New York Mills, MN | Agricultural Business; Agricultural Education |
| Alex Bradley Carter, Delano, MN | Natural Resources |
| Rick Remigio Chapin, Lakewood, CA..... | Marketing |
| *Jessica M. Choc, Lengby, MN..... | Animal Science |

Ben D. Christopherson, Lancaster, MN Agricultural Business
Megan Elizabeth Claybundy, International Falls, MN Equine Science
*Treasure Rose Clemons, Minneapolis, MN Business Management
**Claudia Gangana Cody, Becker, MN Business Management
Whitney P. Coffield, Lancaster, MN Accounting
*Matthew J. Coffman, Wheaton, MN Agronomy
Rick Allan Cole, Thief River Falls, MN Information Technology Management
**Shannon Kay Cologna, Peoria, AZ Organizational Psychology
Jeffrey J. Cook, Eagan, MN Natural Resources
**Elizabeth Shayna Cooley, Eldred, MN Organizational Psychology
Michael Robert Copple, Barnesville, MN Natural Resources
*Katherine Anne Craig, Warren, MN Criminal Justice
Joe Panta Cretesio, Plymouth, MN Manufacturing Management
Laura Jeanne Critchett, Shoreview, MN Equine Science
Katie Sue Cunningham, Rochester, MN Business Management
Hannah Joy Curtis, Boise, ID Business Management

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***Seth D. Dagoberg, Alvarado, MN Agricultural Business; Agronomy
Kristine C. Davis, St. Paul, MN Applied Studies
Irma Teresa De La Guardia, Panama City, Panama Business Management
Janessa Rae Deboer, Crookston, MN Marketing
Charles W. Delfosse, Green Bay, WI Business Management
Elizabeth Ann Deshler, Maplewood, MN Applied Studies
**Anthony R. Diaz, Crookston, MN Biology
Sarena Diederichs, St. Cloud, MN Sport and Recreation Management
Christopher J. Ditzler, South St. Paul, MN Manufacturing Management
Heather Shay Donati-Lewis, Orlando, FL Equine Science
**John Lohide Donato, Torit, South Sudan Quality Management
**Adam John Drinkall, Lanesboro, MN Applied Studies
Kylie R. Dufresne, Forest Lake, MN Communication
Benjamin R. Duick, Baudette, MN Criminal Justice
Jesse Dummer, Alexandria, MN Manufacturing Management
***Andrew D. Duncomb, Cannon Falls, MN Agricultural Systems Management
Nicholas K. Dunn, Baudette, MN Criminal Justice

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***Myrna D. Eben, Ada, MN Business Management
**Clayton Andrew Engel, Stillwater, MN Applied Studies
Tim Ennis, Lancaster, CA Sport and Recreation Management
*Michael James Enright, Crookston, MN Plant Industries Management
***Amy Lea Ericson, Oakdale, MN Business Management
**Christin R. Evans, Wasilla, AK Business Management
Christopher Michael Evans, Buffalo, MN Natural Resources

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**Matthew David Feely, Cleveland, IL Manufacturing Management
*Michael Alan Field, Spicer, MN Golf and Turf Management; Horticulture

Siamak Azimzadeh Firoozi, Duluth, MN..... Manufacturing Management
 *David J. Fite, Grand Forks, ND Information Technology Management
 *Singne R. Flaten, Newfolden, MN..... Animal Science
 *Paul Harvey Fliceck, Harris, MN Natural Resources
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 Loreleigh R. Freer, Tower, MN..... Equine Science
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 Shawn Eric Friedland, Plantation, FL Biology

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 *Lisa Anne Gentele, Omaha, NE..... Natural Resources
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 **Megan A. Gibeault, Green Bay, WI Communication
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 *Derek Thomas Gold, Motley, MN Business Management
 *Kirk Neil Graham, Brandon, MB Business Management
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 **Melissa E. Green, Rochester, MN Health Management
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 Jared Steven Miettunen, Hopkins, MN..... Business Management
 Amber Ann Miller, Little Falls, MN..... Animal Science
 Tara Lynn Miller, Owatonna, MN Applied Health
 *Joshua Everett Moe, Northome, MN..... Natural Resources
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 Jacqueline M. Nikkel, Lunda, MB.....Agricultural Business; Equine Science
 John Timothy Normandin, Crookston, MN..... Information Technology Management
 *Melinda Lucille Novacek, Grand Forks, MN..... Applied Studies
 Brittany K. Novak, Dahlen, ND..... Biology
 Charles Novotny, Cannon Falls, MN Natural Resources
 Joseph Timothy Nustad, Hawley, MN Natural Resources

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Jonah Gregory Olson, White Bear Lake, MN Natural Resources
Kari Anna Olson, Lancaster, MN Animal Science
**Saleban Omar, St. Cloud, MN Applied Studies
Daniel Robert O’Neill, Wasilla, AK Applied Studies
***Jessica Iris Ostrov, St. Louis Park, MN Applied Studies

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*Nicholas Richard Pease, Trimont, MN Agricultural Education
*Travis Lane Pederson, Cando, ND Agronomy
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***Mario Andres Perez, Colton, CABusiness Management
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*Joshua Raymond Ribar, Westville, IN..... Natural Resources
***Andrew Rice, Fessenden, ND..... Natural Resources
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| *Jared Michael Smith, Blacksburg, VA..... | Manufacturing Management |
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| William J. Storm, Cohasset, MN | Natural Resources |
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| David Alan Sumner, Warren, MN..... | Business Management; Manufacturing Management |
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| Nick L. Sylvester, Crookston, MN | Agronomy |
| Karl Gilbert Syverson, Minneapolis, MN..... | Business Management |

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| Timothy Albert Unke, Crookston, MN | Agronomy |

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Academic Costume¹

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge universities in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an 1895 Intercollegiate Code. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires, and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are undergraduates, bachelors, and masters (or doctors). The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same color across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This is edged with velvet or a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received and is lined with silk in the colors of the institution which granted the degree.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood lined, like the master's hood, with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the subject area of the degree received. Gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front.

¹ Adapted in part from *American Universities and Colleges*, 11th edition, Washington, American Council on Education, 1971.

The Regents' Medallion

The five-foot Regents' Medallion is displayed at commencements and other official events of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. On the face of the medallion, silk screened in the University's colors of maroon and gold, is the seal of the regents.

An antique lamp represents the metaphysical sciences; a telescope, the physical sciences; a plow, the industrial arts; and a palette with brushes, the fine arts. The Latin motto, *Commune Vinculum Omnibus Artibus*, means "a common bond for all the arts."



International Flags

The University of Minnesota, Crookston places value on diversity and provides students with many opportunities to gain global and diverse perspectives. Many students travel from other countries to the Crookston campus to earn an education and to share their experiences. A colorful reminder of our global society, the flags on display represent each international graduate's home country or country of origin.

The Mace

The Mace is used for all University of Minnesota Commencements. The word "mace" is from Middle English and was originally used to refer to the implement for breaking armor during the Middle Ages. Today its use is more peaceful, for it now is a staff borne by, carried before, or placed near a dignitary as an insignia of dignity and authority. First designed in 1961 for the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson, the original mace is made of aluminum and topped by a crystal ball, which symbolizes the illuminating quality and the clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal ball is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State. The staff is carried by the most senior professor of the college.

The Torch

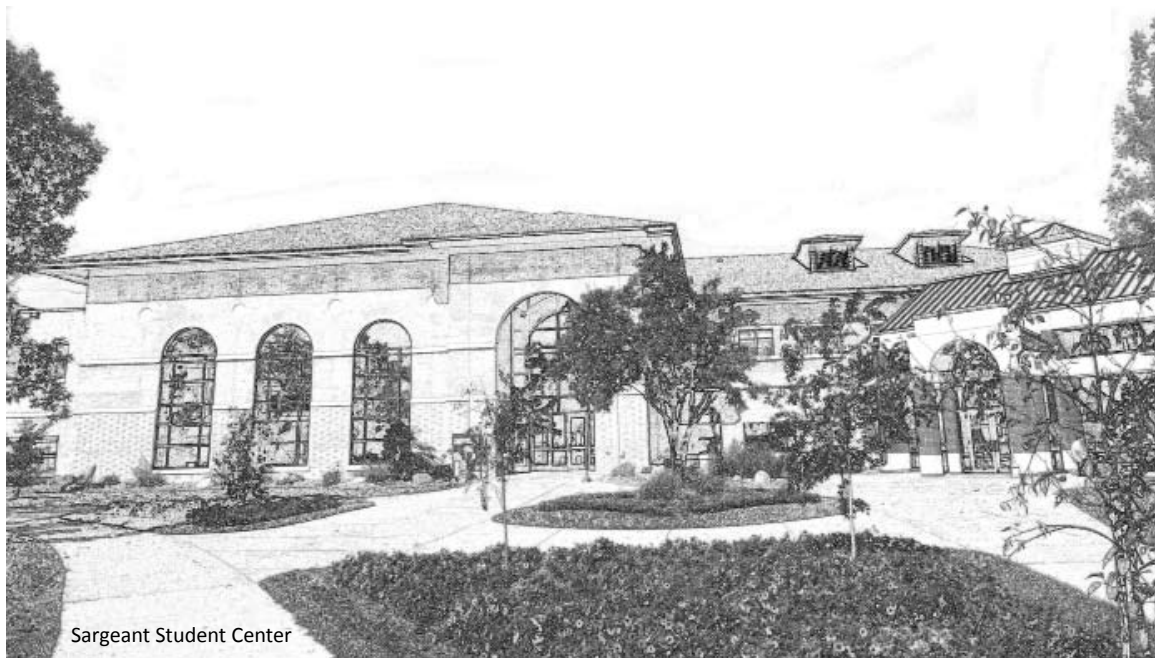
A tradition unique to the U of M, Crookston is the presence of a torch at special ceremonies. The symbolic light of the academic torch—the light of knowledge that permits understanding—represents the educational philosophy of the University of Minnesota.

There are actually three different torches that play a role in the history of the campus. The first is the original torch created by the final graduating class of the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) and passed to the first graduating class of the Technical Institute in 1968. That torch is on display in the Heritage Room in Kiehle Building.

In 2002, regional artist David Badman designed and handcrafted a new academic torch as a gift to the campus in recognition of its new academic mission as a baccalaureate university. That torch has been present at all commencement ceremonies and other special campus events since then.

In 2009, Lew Hanson, an employee of the University, and DeBoer Industries of Crookston created a new torch to commemorate the 100th anniversary of graduation ceremonies on the Crookston campus. Inscribed on the handle of this "Century Torch" are the five core values of the U of M, Crookston: Integrity, Excellence, Diversity, Innovation, and Learner Centeredness.

During today's ceremony, the Century Torch is passed to the incoming president of the Crookston Student Association (CSA), maintaining the tradition that began in 1968 and acknowledging the history of the campus from its roots in the NWSA to the present.



Degree Programs

Bachelor of Science Programs

Accounting
Agricultural Business
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Agricultural Science and Technology Education
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Agronomy
Agronomic Science
Crop Production
Animal Science
Animal Science
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Applied Studies
Respiratory Care
Aviation
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Biology
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Business Aviation
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Communication
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Agricultural Environmental Stewardship
Environmental Ecology
Environmental Health
Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
Individualized Environmental Sciences
Water Quality

Equine Science
Equine Science
Pre-Veterinary Medicine
Golf and Turf Management
Health Management
Health Sciences (Pre-Professional)
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Environmental Landscaping
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Information Technology Management
Marketing
Natural Resources
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Natural Resource Law Enforcement
Natural Resources Management
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Water Resource Management
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Sport and Recreation Management

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Online Bachelor Programs

Accounting
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Marketing
Quality Management

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner

*Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our Flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?*

University of Minnesota Hymn

Hail! Minnesota

*Minnesota, hail to thee! Hail to thee, our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be a beacon bright and clear;
Thy sons and daughters true will proclaim thee near and far;
They will guard thy fame and adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.*

*Like the stream that bends to sea, like the pine that seeks the blue,
Minnesota, still for thee thy sons are strong and true;
From thy woods and waters fair, from thy prairies waving far,
At thy call they throng with their shout and song,
Hailing thee their Northern Star.*





Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers more than 25 bachelor's degree programs and 40 concentrations, including several online degrees. With an enrollment of 1,450 undergraduate students from 29 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere, top-level technology, and a distinctive career-oriented education that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree.

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