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From the Chancellor

Chancellor Casey is currently traveling abroad in South Korea and China. He will return to campus on Monday, November 8.

Featured Events & Activities

Election Day, Tuesday, November 2

High School Volleyball Section 8A Finals, Thursday, November 4 – 6 and 7:45 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Thursday Commons: Focus on Technology, Thursday, November 4 – Noon to 2 p.m., Dowell Hall

High School Volleyball Section 8A Finals, Saturday, November 6 – 7 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Admissions Hosts Campus Preview Day, Saturday, November 13 – 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sargeant Student Center

International Education Week, Monday, November 15 through Friday, November 19

Empty Bowls Dinner, Tuesday, November 16 – 5 to 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, \$15 minimum donation goes to support the North Country Food Bank and the Crookston Food Shelf

Thursday Commons: Speaker, Author, Explorer Broughton Coburn Presents “Secrets of Shangri La,” Thursday, November 18 – Noon to 2 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Speaker, Author, Explorer Broughton Coburn Presents “Aama’s Journey,” Thursday, November 18 – 7 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium

Thanksgiving Holiday, Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26 – classes excused, campus offices closed

UMC Holiday Social, Tuesday, November 30 – 4 to 7 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

For details on these and a comprehensive listing of other events or to discover what’s happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.umcrookston.edu/today or review our news page at blog.lib.umn.edu/umcweb/news.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

A reminder to the campus community regarding **closure of campus due weather**: cancellation of classes and/or delayed openings due to inclement weather will be communicated to the campus community via TXT-U (cell phone text message service), the UMC website, and an official e-mail message. The following local media will also be notified: KROX Radio (AM 1260) and television stations WDAZ (Channel 8, Grand Forks) and KVLV (Channel 11, Fargo, Grand Forks). More details can be found online at www.umcrookston.edu/info/policies/closing.htm. If the Minnesota Department of Transportation closes U.S. Highway 2, campus administrators will close the campus.

Academic Affairs –

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$550,000 grant to the University of Minnesota, Crookston to establish the **Center for Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES)**, which is administered through the Business Department. The CRES will launch a website this fall, and preparations are underway to begin full operations in January 2011 in its physical location in 117 Dowell Hall. The mission of the Center is to encourage entrepreneurship through educational leadership, applied research, and insightful consulting. The CRES will engage the students, faculty, and research facilities on the Crookston campus in order to stimulate the entrepreneurial culture and strengthen the economic vitality of Northwest Minnesota.

The **National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)** national conference was held at the Radisson Plaza hotel in Minneapolis, on Sunday, October 24, through Tuesday, October 26. The conference theme was “Building Our Quality, Broadening Our Reach.” In attendance were, Jodi Steiner and Michelle Christopherson, Center for Adult Learning; David DeMuth, associate professor, Math, Science and Technology Department; Cheryl Matzke, College in the High School (CIHS) instructor at Lafayette High School; and Laura Juve, CIHS instructor at Fosston High School. NACEP is a professional organization for high schools and colleges that fosters and supports rigorous concurrent enrollment. Established in 1999 in response to the dramatic increase in concurrent enrollment courses throughout the country, NACEP serves as a national accrediting body and supports all members by providing standards of excellence, research, communication, and advocacy. NACEP is the accrediting organization for the CIHS program at the U of M, Crookston.

Student Affairs –

Tuesday, November 2, is Election Day. The polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted in some townships or wards. All eligible students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to vote. Students residing on campus who need transportation to the polling place at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church should contact [Debi Chandler](#) at 218-281-8572. Please contact her by 8 a.m. Tuesday morning or at least two hours prior to needing a ride. Student Affairs will provide transportation between the hours 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. for students who make a reservation. Those who are not yet registered to vote or who need to update their registration information may do so at their local polling site on Election Day as long as they can provide proof of residence. Both 1) a photo ID and 2) a current utility bill, student fee statement, or rent statement with name and address in the precinct are required to register. Students from the campus residence halls will need to inform officials at the polls that they live in the residence halls and the officials will confirm names on an updated list Residential Life provides.

There is still time to register for the **Second Annual GLBTA U of M System wide Summit** scheduled for Friday, November 5, through mid-day on Sunday, November 7, on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris. For more information and to register, please visit glbta.umn.edu/summit. Please RSVP to GLBTA Programs Coordinator [Kim Jorgensen](#) to reserve a spot in a UMC vehicle for the trip!

Technology Support Services –

The **Thursday Commons session for Thursday, November 4, will focus on technology**. From noon to 2 p.m. Technology Support Services, the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology, and various faculty members will offer sessions exploring new and emerging technologies available for students, faculty, and staff and for courses at UMC. The sessions will be held in rooms 206, 207, 212, and 203C in Dowell Hall. [View the full schedule of sessions](#). There are no classes scheduled on Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m., so make plans to take part in this event.

Technology Support Services staff members continue to move students, faculty and staff to **Google e-mail or G-mail**. The UMC Help Desk staff will contact individuals to make arrangements to move them to G-mail and will assist with the conversion process.

Technology Support Services is in the planning process to implement the recently updated **Office of Information Technology (OIT) system-wide security policies**. Part of the new policy requires the use of a "standard" level user account for daily tasks and restricted use of an "administrative" user account for installing software and printers. Campus updates will be disseminated on a regular basis.

Library –

The UMC Library has acquired two **Kindle electronic book readers** and added them to the library collection for checkout to students. The Library purchased the Kindle latest generation, which has a 6" diagonal electronic paper display. A number of electronic books have also been purchased and loaded on the devices.

Development & Alumni Relations –

Approximately 150 guests attended the annual **Torch & Shield Award** program on Tuesday, October 26, in Bede Ballroom. Congratulations to the 2010 Torch & Shield Award recipients: Phil Baird, Susan Brorson, David Hoff, and KROX AM Radio 1260. The event also acknowledged lifetime and annual donors of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Special thanks to all who worked to make this another successful event.

Alumni and friends are invited to attend a **UMC Alumni Association** gathering this Thursday, November 4, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza and Suites in Fargo, N.D. For further information contact [Rose Ulseth](#) at 218-281-8439.

A **Teambackers** board meeting will be held Monday, November 15, at the Crookston Eagles Club at 5:30 p.m.

November is **National Philanthropy Month**. Please consider any of numerous giving opportunities in support of the University of Minnesota, Crookston. To discuss your opportunities please contact [Corby Kemmer](#), director, Development & Alumni Relations at 218-281-8434. Your continued financial support, commitment, and advocacy of the U of M, Crookston is appreciated.

University Relations –

The **fall 2010 edition of *Torch* alumni magazine** is now posted online. The print edition will be distributed in the next week. [View the online version.](#)

Athletics –

The U of M, Crookston **Golden Eagles Western Equestrian Team moved into first place in the region** this past Friday and Saturday with a solid show at South Dakota State University in Brookings, S.D. The Golden Eagles had trailed North Dakota State University by four points but are now ahead by 22 points after an impressive showing. Current total team points for the year's top five teams are: University of Minnesota, Crookston – 150; North Dakota State University – 128; Rochester Community and Technical College – 122; University of Wisconsin—River Falls – 105; University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - 84. [Read more.](#)

Golden Eagles Head Baseball Coach Chris Vito will host the **Third Annual Golden Eagle Baseball Fundraiser Dinner** on Thursday, November 11, at the Crookston Eagles Club. A social will be held at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 followed by a program featuring guest speaker Bucky Burgau. Burgau is head baseball coach at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., and also serves as an assistant coach with the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks. The event will also feature a small silent auction including an autographed jersey of Minnesota Twins slugger Jim Thome. Tickets are \$30 per person. Contact [Coach Vito](#) at 218-281-8445.

Accolades

A team of horticulture students placed fourth in competition at the annual conference of the **Mid-American Collegiate Horticultural Society (MACHS)**, held October 14-16 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa. The U of M, Crookston team, comprised of Jonathon Fillmore, Ashlynn Hartung, Keunying Kim, and Kristine Neu, competed in a written general knowledge exam, herbaceous and woody plant identification, and judging categories. Other students attending from the Crookston campus included Mike Field, Catlin Kersting, Ethan Koejetin, Theo Lenneman, Nathan Peikert, Mitchell Sledge, Amanda Thompson. The delegation from the

U of M, Crookston competed against students representing Northwest Missouri State, South Dakota State, University of Wisconsin—Platteville, and University of Wisconsin—River Falls.

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