



U of M Crookston Campus E-Update

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From the Chancellor



As I write this, I am saddened to think of the passing of Kristina Torkelson Gray, who passed away last week. I spent all day with her on Tuesday, May 29, driving to Grand Rapids and back to judge the Northern Great Plains Global Youth Institute. What an amazing, giving, woman. She believed and lived a life that selflessly gave back to her community, to her students, and to all of us. Just as the passing of Abdo Alghamdi, Jodee Chouinard, and others from our faculty and staff who left us too early, Kristina's passing reminds us we must live each day in full appreciation of the gifts we are given and be thankful for our days here. Like many of you, Kristina quietly and unselfishly gave her energy and passion to our students. Thank you for the impact you make on the lives of others every day.

I am excited to announce that John Hoffman has been offered and has accepted the position of vice chancellor for academic and student affairs at the University of Minnesota Crookston, pending approval by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents this week. He is scheduled to begin his employment on July 30. Dr. Barbara Keinath has graciously agreed to postpone her official retirement until August 17 to allow some overlap time in order to assist John with his transition into this role.

Dr. Hoffman comes to us from California State University, Fullerton, where he has served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership since 2013 and as director of the Doctor of Educational Leadership Program since 2012. He brings a strong and varied educational background and a rich diversity of experiences. His work early in his career in student affairs, coupled with his academic understanding of educational institutions, is a great combination for our campus. I am excited to be working with John and moving this wonderful educational treasure of Greater Minnesota forward, and he is excited to join us and be back in the Midwest. His wife, Joy, will join him later in the year, as they will help their son transition into his college career.

The Board of Regents will be meeting later this week to finalize budgets. As soon as we know the outcome of that meeting, we will provide a summary. Our budget must be completed and uploaded into the system by June 16. If you see a dazed and sleep deprived Tricia Sanders and her team, that is the reason why.

The grounds crew will be planting more perennials this summer to reduce the labor of planting annuals every year. They are working hard not to forfeit the beauty of the campus during the summer months and to come up with a more sustainable plan.

The campus has been a bit quiet this summer, but it should be waking up soon with some of the upcoming activities. Our Northwest School of Ag alums will be here during the weekend of June 30, and camps are

kicking in with students on campus. The RYLA students will be here in mid-July, as well as a group of Chinese high school students to learn more about higher education in the U.S. All of these efforts help to create a pathway for more students to come to our campus. Please greet all of them warmly and give them your best Minnesota Nice when they are here.

Wishing you a rejuvenating summer,
Mary Holz-Clause
Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Youth Intermediate Horse Riding Clinic, Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 – 6:30 to 9 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC), \$175 for series

Junior Eagle Day Basketball Camp, Monday, June 11, through Thursday, June 14 – 9 a.m. to Noon daily, Lysaker Gym, UMC Sports Center, \$50 per camper, for boys and girls in grades 1-6

Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp, Tuesday, June 12 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC), \$75 per campus, includes lunch and snacks, for ages 8-17

Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament, Thursday, June 14 – 9 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. tee off, 4 p.m. social and awards program, Two River Golf Club, 903 7th St. SE, Hallock, Minn., cost is \$50 per golfer in teams of four

New Student Registration Day, Monday, June 18 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

“Meet Minnesota,” the University of Minnesota Visit Week, Monday, June 18, through Friday, June 22

UMC Hosts Camp Google, Monday, June 18, and Tuesday, June 19 – 8 a.m. registration, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. sessions, Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall, cost per attendee is \$199 for one day or \$299 for both

Golden Eagle Offensive Skills Basketball Day Camp, Monday, June 18, through Thursday, June 21 – 9 a.m. to Noon daily, Lysaker Gym, UMC Sports Center, \$50 per camper, for boys and girls in grades 5-12

Golden Eagle Varsity Team Basketball Camp, Friday, June 22 – 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium and UMC Wellness Center, \$200 per high school varsity team

Northwest School of Agriculture All-School Reunion, Saturday, June 30 – 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sargeant Student Center and other locations on campus

Independence Day Holiday, Wednesday, July 4 – classes cancelled, campus offices closed

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

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief, an online weekly internal news digest, at <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

Student Stories



When she was only 16 years old, Senior **Desariah Santillanez** experienced the loss of her northern Colorado home to wildfire. Surviving the trauma of the fire has had consequences, the result of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). When she decided to major in natural resources at the U of M Crookston, she enrolled in a forestry course requiring she take part in a prescribed burn. Her professor was willing to waive her participation under the circumstances, but Santillanez could not live with the idea of being an exception, so she decided she had to try. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/senior-desariah-santillanez.



Hockey has a strong physical connection to golf. Perhaps her 15 years of playing hockey helped make Senior **Ashlee Humble** a serious contender on the golf course for the Golden Eagles. Humble, an accounting graduate, picked up her first golf clubs when she a freshman in high school. She eventually became serious about golf, and it took her to the University of Minnesota Crookston to play. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/ashlee-humble.

Faculty/Staff Arrivals and Departures



Richard Johnson II has been hired as an assistant professor, tenure track, in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department. His responsibilities will focus on Agricultural Education. He holds a Ph.D. in human resource education and workforce development and educational leadership from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. He gained certification in secondary education in the areas of agriculture, biology, chemistry, English, environmental science, general science, and physics from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and completed his M.S. in environmental and chemical sciences and his B.S. in general agriculture at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He will begin his responsibilities at UMC on August 13.



Joyce Zbacnik has been hired as a teaching specialist for mathematics courses in the Math, Science & Technology Department. She has been teaching mathematics on an ad hoc basis at UMC for the past year. Prior to that she served as a mathematics instructor for Northwest Technical College in Bemidji, Minn. She has also served as an academic support specialist and tutor at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls. She holds an M.A. in mathematics from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.S. in mathematics from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C.



Donna Hartel has been hired as a principal office and administrative specialist for the Office of the Registrar. A graduate of the U of M Crookston with a B.S. in communication, Hartel comes to UMC from Farm Service Agency/USDA in Warren, Minn., where she assisted farmers with obtaining commodity loans, processed payments, worked with databases, maintained various records and reports, and performed receptionist duties. She began her responsibilities at UMC on Monday, June 4.



Ned Price has been hired as the new general manager for Sodexo Dining Services at UMC. He holds a B.A. in management and ethics from Manhattan Christian College in Manhattan, Kansas, and an associate's degree in hotel and restaurant management from Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas. He comes to UMC after several years working within the Sodexo system, most recently serving as general manager at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and before that at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Staff Departures (with last day of employment):

Rebecca Arbino, assistant women's softball/soccer coach (May 27)

Allison Foster, area coordinator, Residential Life (May 27)

Michael Orts, assistant football coach, Athletics (May 27)

Megan Rinke, assistant athletic trainer, Athletics (May 27)

Don Stopa, head women's softball coach, Athletics (May 3)

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs -



John Hoffman has accepted the position of vice chancellor for academic and student affairs, pending approval by the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. Hoffman holds a Ph.D. and an M.A. in educational policy and administration, both from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He also holds a B.A. in business leadership and a B.S. in secondary education, physics, and theology from Concordia University, Seward, Nebraska. Hoffman comes to the U of M Crookston from California State University – Fullerton, where he has served as chair of the Department of Educational Leadership since 2014 and as director of the Doctor of Educational Leadership Program since 2012. Prior to that, he served as coordinator of the counseling and student development master's program at California State University – Long Beach. Additionally, Hoffman has held faculty positions at the Cal State campuses in Fullerton and Long Beach and has served as assistant to the provost as well as dean of students at Concordia University in Irvine, Calif. He is scheduled to begin his employment at UMC on July 30.

The 2018 Minnesota state capital investment bill, authored by the Minnesota State Legislature and signed into law on May 30 by Governor Mark Dayton, includes \$3.2 million for the U of M Crookston as part of the U of M's capital request for Greater Minnesota Academic Renewal. This funding will allow UMC to:

- Optimize 9,500 square feet in Dowell Hall with lab stations for 122 students in STEM education, computational research, and teacher education
- Renovate 4,000 square feet in Owen Hall to create modern chemistry and biology labs, providing flexible bench space for up to 30 students and supporting independent undergraduate research

The bill also includes \$45 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) projects across the U of M System. Learn more at <https://government-relations.umn.edu/content/governor-signs-capital-investment-bill>.

Academic Affairs -

At their May 2018 meeting the University of Minnesota Board of Regents approved two new undergraduate minors for the Crookston campus: Health Management and Writing. The new minors will be offered to

students both on-campus and online beginning fall semester 2018. The minor in Health Management will introduce students to the business of healthcare by augmenting other majors and helping them apply these skills in a healthcare organization. The minor in Writing will prepare students to demonstrate proficiencies in the writing process and its application to various settings, fields, and professions. Both new minors make use of existing courses and resources.

- **Health Management Minor -**

<https://onestop2.umn.edu/pcas/viewCatalogProgram.do?programID=26740&strm=1189&campus=UMNCR>

- **Writing Minor -**

<https://onestop2.umn.edu/pcas/viewCatalogProgram.do?programID=26720&strm=1189&campus=UMNCR>

Student Affairs -



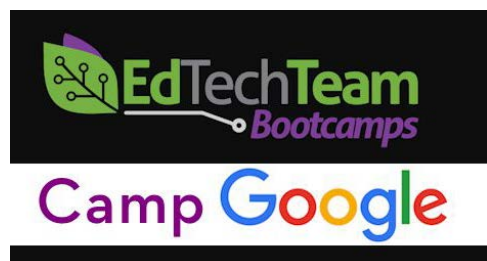
The Wellness Center has adjusted its summer hours as of Monday, June 4. **Through early August, open hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The Wellness Center will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Stay informed and motivated by following www.facebook.com/umcwellnesscenter.

Admissions -

“Meet Minnesota,” the University of Minnesota’s summer visit week, is set for Monday, June 18, through Friday, June 22. This system-wide visit week for prospective students and their families is intended to highlight the five U of M campuses and the more than 290 academic programs across the University of Minnesota System. Students who visit any U of M campus during Meet Minnesota will be entered in a drawing to win one of five iPad minis. For more information and to schedule a visit, contact the Office of Admissions via phone at 800-862-6466, 218-281-8569, or by email at umcinfo@umn.edu. Or schedule a visit online at www.umcrookston.edu/visit.



Technology Support Services -



Technology Support Services has partnered with EdTechTeam to offer **Camp Google on Monday, June 18, and Tuesday, June 19, in the Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall. Registration for each day begins at 8 a.m. with sessions held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Cost per attendee is \$199 for one day or \$299 for both days. Camp Google offers two full days with an engaging trainer/educator and a focus on lesson ideas for the classroom with Google tools as the foundation. Attendees may elect to attend either day or both. Day 1 (June 18) will focus on exploring practical implementation of the G Suite toolset in the classroom. The day will examine how students and teachers can use G Suite within an educational framework. Participants leave with templates, resources, and best practices for using Google Apps with students. Day 2 (June 19) at Camp Google will focus on Google’s GeoTools such as Maps, MyMaps, TourBuilder and more. Attendees will also learn about 360° imagery and the story telling that goes with it. Faculty, teachers, coaches, and/or administrators are encouraged to attend. Registration is open to anyone who would like to attend. Learn more and register at <https://events.edtechteam.com/MNCampGoogle>.

With the closing of the fiscal year on June 30, faculty and staff are reminded of these important deadlines for processing in the Business Office.

INVOICES AND PURCHASE ORDERS

JUNE 20 (by 10:00 a.m.) – all invoices

JUNE 20 (no later than Noon) – all purchase orders, U-Market, and professional services

- any purchase orders submitted June 15-22 for vendors not set up in the UM vendor system will be created after July 1
- no purchase orders will be created June 23-30

CROSS CHARGES – JULY 5

TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION, EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS, AND CASH ADVANCES – JUNE 20 (no later than 10 a.m.)

FOREIGN WIRE TRANSFERS – JUNE 13

PURCHASING CARDS – charges to be reflected in FY18 need to be reconciled in MyWallet no later than Noon on Tuesday, JUNE 19

CASH DEPOSITS – cash deposits will be processed on Wednesday, June 27, and Friday, June 29, before 10:00 a.m.

Any questions regarding invoices, purchase orders, PCard reconciliation, or cross charges should be directed to Peggy Chaput, chap0044@umn.edu or ext. 8327. For emergency purchase needs contact Peggy Chaput or Donna Larson, dslarson@umn.edu or ext. 8328. Questions about travel authorizations, expense reimbursements, cash advances, or cash deposits should be directed to Dana Perreault, grune021@umn.edu or ext. 8331.

Development & Alumni Relations -

The Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 14, at Two River Golf Club, 903 7th St. SE, in Hallock, Minn. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with tee off at 10 a.m. and a social and awards program at 4 p.m. The format of the tournament is an 18-hole Texas scramble with teams of four. Registration fee is \$50 per person. Interested golfers may contact Beth Novak at 218-281-8444 or novak425@umn.edu. All proceeds go to the Mark Olsonawski Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to area football players attending UMC.



The Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) Alumni Reunion is set for Saturday, June 30. Registration for the day begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. Highlights include the Top Aggie Luncheon at noon, class meetings and photos in the afternoon, campus tours, a buffet supper at 5:30 p.m., and a social with music from the 40s, 50s, and 60s from 7 to 10 p.m. on the Campus Mall. For a full schedule of events and more information go to

www.crk.umn.edu/nwsa-reunion. The Northwest School (1906-1968) was the predecessor of the University of Minnesota Crookston.

The NWSA Alumni Association will recognize the 2018 Top Aggie recipients at a noon luncheon during the NWSA Reunion on June 30. Three alumni were selected for the honor by the NWSA Alumni Board: **Robert Fehr 1967, LeRoy Opdahl 1964, and Bill Zurn 1968**. The Top Aggie Award is the highest recognition given by the NWSA Alumni Association.

More than 135 people attended the annual Teambacker Fun Nite, held April 27 at the Crookston Eagles Club. This year's event raised \$19,000 for scholarships for Golden Eagle student-athletes. Additionally, **Annette Thompson (right) was named 2018 Teambacker of the Year** for her leadership and her efforts to promote UMC Teambackers. Thompson serves as the organization's president. The mission of Teambackers is to promote athletics and to raise money for scholarships and works in conjunction with the UMC Office Development & Alumni Relations, the Athletic Department, and the University of Minnesota Foundation.



Athletics -

Reed Hjelle, a junior majoring in sport & recreation management from East Grand Forks, Minn., has earned the most post-season accolades of any Minnesota Crookston baseball player in program history after putting forth a great season for the Golden Eagles. He has earned the following honors.



- National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-America Third Team
- American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-America Third Team
- ABCA/Rawlings Central Region Position Player of the Year
- ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region First Team
- NCBWA All-Central Region First Team
- Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) All-Central Region First Team
- Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Player of the Year
- All-NSIC First Team

Hjelle had a phenomenal season, hitting .436 on the season with 38 runs scored, 19 doubles, five triples, 10 home runs and 50 RBIs. He led the NSIC in batting average (at least 100 at-bats), hits, doubles, home runs, total bases, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. He was second in the league for RBIs and triples and performed well in NSIC play as he hit .389 with 11 doubles, three triples, seven home runs and 22 RBIs. Hjelle has one more season left with the Golden Eagles. He is playing this summer in the Northwoods League for the Rochester Honkers, based out of Rochester, Minn.

Two other University of Minnesota Crookston baseball players have been named to All-NSIC teams for the 2018 season. Zach Seipel, a junior from Eagan, Minn., earned placement on the top squad. Anthony Stewart, a senior from Oak Harbor, Wash., and a 2017 ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove pick, was named NSIC Gold Glove for the second-consecutive season.

Twenty-eight Golden Eagle student-athletes have been named to the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Spring All-Academic Team. To be eligible for this honor, a student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team, must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better, must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at her/his institution (true freshmen, red-shirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible), and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution.

The Golden Eagles had a total of 69 student-athletes honored on the 2017-18 NSIC All-Academic Teams.

The number of student-athletes earning this honor has increased substantially over the last two seasons with 60 student-athletes honored on the 2016-17 NSIC All-Academic Teams and 52 on the 2015-16 NSIC All-Academic squads. For spring 2018, Minnesota Crookston is represented by ten baseball players, eight softball players, five men's golfers, three women's golfers, and two women's tennis players.

Baseball

- Nate Albrecht (R-So., Wahpeton, N.D.)
- Jason Angelo (Sr., Manteca, Calif.)
- Mitchell Bornhauser (Sr., Northfield, Minn.)
- Jayden Grover (So., Cooperstown, N.D.)
- Parker Hanson (Jr., Hawley, Minn.)
- Reed Hjelle (Jr., East Grand Forks, Minn.)
- Aaron Hollcraft (Jr., Crookston, Minn.)
- Wyatt Huso (R-Sr., Eagan, Minn.)
- Ethan Mushitz (Sr., East Grand Forks, Minn.)
- Justin Yutzenka (So., Arygle, Minn.)

Softball

- Victoria Bayliss (Sr., West Bloomfield, Mich.)
- Caroline Bjorge (So., Prior Lake, Minn.)
- Jenna Boardman (Sr., Genoa, Wis.)
- Mikayla Jones (Jr., Huxley, Iowa)
- Cassidy Klaphake (Sr., Cold Spring, Minn.)
- Maggie Morales (Jr., Tucson, Ariz.)
- Paige Pitlick (So., Jordan, Minn.)
- Sam Rarick (Jr., East Grand Forks, Minn.)

Men's Golf

- Eric Gullicks (Sr., Finley, N.D.)
- Ethan Johnson (Jr., Roseau, Minn.)
- T'mone Kleindl (Sr., Graceville, Minn.),
- Ben Koisti (Jr., Lake Norden, S.D.)
- Ricky Phillips (Sr., Grand Forks, N.D.)

Women's Golf

- McKenzie Harris (Jr., Nevis, Minn.)
- Ashlee Humble (Sr., Rosemount, Minn.)
- Natasha Maninga (Sr., Menahga, Minn.)

Women's Tennis

- Reanne Erickson (Jr., Fargo, N.D.)
- Whitney Erickson (Sr., Spring Valley, Minn.)

Accolades & Achievements



Brook Novak, senior admissions counselor in the Office of Admissions and U of M Crookston alumna, recently earned her Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth. The title of her master's thesis is "Influences of Social Relationships on the Transfer Student Experience."



The U of M Crookston has been named among the "50 Best Online Schools for College Degrees" in the nation by Online Schools Center, an online educational resource. UMC came in at number 18 in the ranking.

View the full list at www.onlineschoolscenter.com/best-online-colleges.

The U of M Crookston's online degree program in Finance has been named among "Top 10 Online Bachelor of Finance Degree Programs" in the nation for 2018 by Online Schools Center, an online educational resource. View the full list at www.onlineschoolscenter.com/top-10-online-bachelor-of-finance-degree-programs.

The U of M Crookston's online degree program in Health Management has been named among the top 20 "Best Online Schools for Bachelors in Health Care Management Degree Programs" in the nation for 2018 by Online Schools Center, an online educational resource. View the full list at www.onlineschoolscenter.com/best-online-bachelors-health-care-management.



The U of M Crookston's online degree program in Entrepreneurship has been named among "Top 10 Online Bachelor's in Entrepreneurship Degree Programs" in the nation for 2018 by Great Business Schools, an online educational resource. View the full list at www.greatbusinessschools.org/top/online-bachelors-in-entrepreneurship-degree-programs.



The annual Faculty and Staff Day was held Tuesday, May 8, at 3 p.m. in Brown Dining Room in celebration of excellence and service by faculty and staff. In addition to recognizing years of service milestones and retirements, the program included the following award presentations (recipients as seen in photo above from left to right):

- **Builder of Diversity Award** – Rae French, learning abroad advisor, International Programs
- **Distinguished Professional & Administrative (P&A) Award** – Kim Gillette, director, International Programs
- **Distinguished Teaching Award** – Rob Proulx, lecturer, Agriculture & Natural Resources Department
- **Distinguished Faculty Service Award** – Margot Rudstrom, lecturer, Agriculture & Natural Resources Department
- **Distinguished Scholar Award** – Kristie Walker, associate professor, Agriculture & Natural Resources Department
- **Access Achievement Award** (two recipients) – Matthew Simmons, associate professor, Agriculture & Natural Resources Department, and Kelsey Torgerson, education program associate, Academic Success Center
- **Distinguished Staff Service Award** – Kelsey Torgerson, education program associate, Academic Success Center

Campus & Community

Over the summer UMC will serve as the host site for a number of camps and clinics sponsored by University units as well as other organizations.

Anyone looking for information, including fees and appropriate age ranges, about these events is encouraged to refer to the following online resource:

www.umcrookston.edu/camps. Among the camps scheduled are:



- Adult Horse Riding Clinic, Tuesdays, May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26 – 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- Youth Intermediate Horse Riding Clinic, Thursdays, June 7, 14, 21, 28 – 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- Junior Eagle Day Basketball Camp, Monday, June 11, through Thursday, June 14 – 9 a.m. to Noon daily
- Youth Day Horseback Riding Camp, Tuesday, June 12 – 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Golden Eagle Offensive Skills Basketball Day Camp, Monday, June 18, through Thursday, June 21 – 9 a.m. to Noon daily
- Golden Eagle Varsity Team Basketball Camp, Friday, June 22
- Golden Eagle Volleyball Positional Day Camp, Wednesday, July 11 – 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Junior Eagles Volleyball Skills Camp, Thursday, July 12, and Friday, July 13 – 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. daily
- Golden Eagle Volleyball Skills Camp, Thursday, July 12, and Friday, July 13 – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily
- High School Football Camp, Friday, July 22 – 12:30 p.m.
- High School Sea Perch & Aquatics Robotics Camp, Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily
- Middle School Robotics & Technology Camp, Monday, July 30 through Friday, Aug. 3 – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily

University of Minnesota System



On Thursday, May 10, Randy Simonson was elected by the Minnesota Legislature to represent Minnesota's first congressional district on the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. He was elected to fill the seat vacated by Patricia Simmons, who resigned in March, and he will serve out the rest of Simmons' term, which expires in 2021. Simonson serves as CEO of Cambridge Technologies, a maker of animal vaccines, and as the director of Prairie Holdings Group. He holds a bachelor's degree in biology from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo and a Ph.D. in veterinary microbiology from the University of Minnesota. Simonson and his wife live in Worthington, Minn. The Board

of Regents is composed of twelve members—one from each of Minnesota's eight congressional districts and four from the state at large. The Board meets monthly (except for January and August). Its policies provide a framework and direction for the administration of the U of M.

At its May meeting the U of M Board of Regents celebrated members of the University community who received top academic, service, and athletic awards during the 2017-18 academic year and reviewed President Eric Kaler's proposed operating budget for FY2019. Regents hosted two public input sessions (May 16, Duluth, and May 21, Twin Cities) to gather feedback from the University community on the budget. Additionally at the May meeting, the board approved the annual recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure, voted to extend the M Health Agreement by one month, and discussed the medicine and health focus area of the systemwide strategic plan. Learn more at <https://twin-cities.umn.edu/news-events/regents-recognize-faculty-staff-and-student-award-winners>.

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