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Crookston Campus E-Update

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Welcome to the *Crookston Campus E-Update*, where we highlight administrative activities and programs on campus. We share news from the Chancellor along with some featured events and activities. We'll also talk about what's happening in Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, Finance and University Services, Human Resources, University Relations, Development & Alumni Relations and Athletics, on a rotating basis. If you have suggestions or ideas for the *E-Update*, please let us know (urumc@umn.edu).

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From the Chancellor

Student athletes and summer start students moved onto campus a few weeks ago. Freshmen students moved into residence halls the weekend of Aug 25-26 and were joined by the remaining student body for the start of classes on Tuesday, August 28. It's great to experience campus life with all the new and returning students onboard. They bring great energy and excitement to the University of Minnesota, Crookston. I wish all students the very best for the 2007-08 year.

Most faculty and some staff returned on Monday, August 20. Many presentations and workshops were held during the week as faculty prepared for the start of the 2007-08 year. Two faculty members, Pam Elf, Ph.D., and Martin Lundell were promoted to associate professor with tenure last May and June. This is recognition of the quality of the faculty at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. On behalf of the campus community, I extend my congratulations to both of these individuals.

On September 13, the campus will be hosting Richard Simms, teacher education supervisor, from the Minnesota Board of Teaching in St. Paul for a pre-site visit for the Early Childhood Education Program. Faculty members Soo-Yin Lim-Thompson, Ph.D., Marilyn Grave and Marsha Odom, Ed.D., have been preparing for the visit over the summer. Department Head Bill Peterson has been helping to coordinate the visit.

Official enrollment figures won't be out until late September. However, I am pleased with the first-day numbers for degree-seeking students that came in at 1139. We will provide more complete information at a later time.

We are also pleased to report that the U of M, Crookston was named a top "Best Midwestern College" for 2008 by [The Princeton Review](#). The designation is based on excellent academics and survey data submitted by the campus and student opinions. Comments from students mention the growing diversity on the campus and the increasing population of international students as positive.

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– Charles H. Casey, Chancellor
University of Minnesota, Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Maroon & Gold Fridays – Remember Fridays are for showing your U of M, Crookston spirit by wearing Maroon & Gold. If you need to pick up a new item, check the selections available at the UMC Bookstore located in the Student Center or visit the bookstore online at www.bookstores.umn.edu/crookston.

Getting Ready for the "Job Fair Season," September 10 – This workshop is designed to help students secure the career they want. It will be held from 12-1 p.m. in Room 244 of the Student Center. To learn more, visit <http://ccs.UMCrookston.edu>

Add a Class Deadline, September 11.

Club Fair, September 12 – Students learn to become leaders through involvement in clubs and organizations. Explore the various club opportunities on campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge in the Student Center. Encourage students to get involved in the club of their choice: www.UMCrookston.edu/CurrentStudents/ClubsandOrganizations.aspx

UMC Golden Eagle Alumni Weekend, Sept. 21 and 22 – Join alumni, family, friends and the campus community for a weekend of activities. On Friday, Sept. 21, take part in the Golden Eagle Alumni Golf Tournament at 3 p.m. and stay for the social at 7 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 22, be a part of the Women's Alumni Basketball Game at 9 a.m. and the Men's Alumni Basketball Game at 10:30 a.m. Stay for tailgating at noon and watch the Golden Eagle football and soccer games that get underway at 1 p.m. For more info, call 218-281-8423 or visit <http://www.goldeneaglesports.com>.

We look forward to seeing you. For more details or to discover what's happening this week, visit UMC Today at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews or review our news page at www.UMCrookston.edu/umcnews/stories.

Around Campus

Academic Affairs – The advisory committee for the Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology is being identified. It will have a representative from each department, two chairs and two student service representatives. Funds are still available for Crookston student research grants that provide an additional option to get students involved in research activities. This is a campus pool of dollars and is separate from the University of Minnesota UROP grants. Interested students should apply to both opportunities, although you will only receive grants from one.

Funds for faculty and staff are available for ten \$1,500 stipends to support the development of proposals for submission to **external agencies** for research or grant requests that **exceed \$25,000**. Guidelines are available from the Vice Chancellor's office.

Dates for submission of Promotion and Tenure material this fall is November 27. Dates for request for semester leave or sabbatical is November 1.

Thea Holen has accepted the temporary position of Help Desk Manager to take over for Peg Sherven. Peg has taken a one year leave to work on her doctorate at the U of M, Twin Cities campus.

Student Affairs and Enrollment – As part of New Student Orientation activities, students got to know their new community a little bit better on August 28 through a program called "Meet

Crookston Through Service," a two-hour service experience. While all Natural Resource students headed to Rydell National Wildlife Refuge to place protective tubing around trees, other groups helped secondary teachers prepare classrooms for the upcoming school year, cleared debris from cross-country ski trails, painted areas of the Crookston Sports Arena, peeled apples with seniors, washed fire trucks and school buses, prepped walls for painting at the Care and Share downtown and helped with several cleaning projects at churches and the library.

Finance & University Services – Dining Services will have new operating hours this year in order to serve students, faculty and staff better. The new hours are as follows: weekdays – breakfast from 7:30 to 9 a.m., lunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and dinner from 4:15 to 7 p.m.; and weekends – brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Also, look for local foods, like regionally raised chickens and bison burgers, on the menu Wednesdays during lunch. Visit <http://www.umcrookston.edu/diningservices/daily.asp> to find out what's on the menu.

Development & Alumni Relations – On Friday, October 5 the U of M, Crookston will hold its Outstanding Alumni & Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet from 6 to 9 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. Outstanding Alumni recipients are Doug Aretz '76 and Richard Magnusson '81. Athletic Hall of Fame recipients are Janice "Gubbles" Milliard '84, Luther Huggins '84, Steele Senske '90 and Chancellor Emeritus, Don Sargeant. Also that evening Senator Keith Langseth, Glyndon, Minn., will be recognized as a 2007 Torch and Shield recipient, as his schedule will keep him from the October 23 Torch and Shield Awards banquet. On Saturday, October 6, the Homecoming parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Gary Senske as Grand Marshal. Congratulations to this year's Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees. More Homecoming information, news, and events will be posted [online](#).

University Relations – [Graphics standards](#) and an [Images Library](#) has been posted online at <http://www.umcrookston.edu/relations> to support consistent messaging and marketing efforts of the U of M, Crookston. The information is designed to help both internal and external Crookston campus representatives communicate more effectively by providing clear, consistent guidelines for using the University of Minnesota's and Crookston campus' logos, wordmark and colors. Templates for PowerPoint presentations, fax cover sheets and logos for documents and marketing materials are easy to access via x500 log in. [Fact sheets and key messages](#) have also been posted online so that students, faculty, staff and alumni can share information about the Crookston campus in interviews, at events and other venues. [Contact the University Relations staff](#) anytime with questions about the standards, logos or messages.

Athletics – The U of M, Crookston Golden Eagles, Crookston Park and Recreation and NFL are teaming up to provide an outreach program for area youth. The [NFL Youth Football](#) league is open to youth in grades three and four and will be coached by the U of M, Crookston Golden Eagle football team. The eight-team league runs for 6 weeks and concludes with play-offs and a "super bowl" on Oct. 21. All games will be played on Sundays beginning at 1 p.m. The first game is Sept. 9. For more details, contact Natasha Kuhle, assistant athletic director, at 218-281-8423 (kuhle007@umn.edu). The first annual Crookston Fall Sports Festival is September 14 and 15. The Sports Festival is free to the public. All sports teams have volunteered to put on an hour event on their home field/court. Coaches and athletes welcome everyone (especially kids) to come out and spend an hour learning and playing different sports at the Sports Festival. At each of the sessions, you will receive a chance to win prizes and a FREE ticket to a football game and tailgate on Saturday, Sept. 15. Visit <http://goldeneaglesports.com> for a schedule of games.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this news update, please send them to urumc@umn.edu.