

## **U of M Crookston Campus E-Update**

an internal administrative news digest providing the pulse of the campus

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*Note: The E-Update is returning to its previous format so it can be viewed in your email. For the time being, it will be published once per month. Thank you.*

### **From the Chancellor**

Now that we have had our first snow, we can say that winter probably isn't too far away. cThat being said, I hope we have a few more sunny warm days before the snow flies again. Thanks to all of you who braved the cold days in your classrooms and offices as we waited for the boiler parts to arrive. Your patience was greatly appreciated.

With classes underway we are already making plans already for that magical day when many of our students graduate on May 4. The planning committee under the leadership to Chris Winjum and Elizabeth Tollefson met the other day to begin to plan. They want your input on potential speakers for commencement. If you know of someone, please suggest them by use the commencement speaker nomination [form](#). A heads up, we will not be providing gowns for faculty and staff for graduation. Every year we spend about \$1500 to \$2000 and unfortunately this isn't something we can't afford any more. Please work with the Bookstore to get what you need, or another alternative is to buy the gowns directly online. I personally did that about 10 years ago and got a really affordable price. While it wasn't the "official" expensive one from the University I graduated from, it is black not the official cardinal color-- but has suited me just fine at about ¼ the cost.

The Campus Assembly is scheduled for November 1. Please plan on attending, as there will be focus group discussions about enrollment management, among other topics.

Also mark on your calendar the professional development days slated for October 26. The sessions for faculty will be focusing on "how learning works and the implications for teaching, Kris Gorman will lead those sessions. Tim Denney will be facilitating the staff session on cultivating a growth mindset, sense of wonder and tools you can use to frame your thinking. The Employee Engagement surveys indicated to us that we needed to provide more professional development opportunities. These special days in October and February are a direct outcome of what you have communicated to administration. Hope to see you at the October 26 professional development sessions.

Wishing you a warm and wonderful October.

Best,  
Chancellor Mary

Mary Holz-Clause

Chancellor, University of Minnesota Crookston

### Featured Events & Activities

**Distinguished Speaker Series: Fake News “How the West was Spun!”** October 9, at 12 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium

**A Day on the Farm**, October 12, from 5-7 p.m., UTOC parking lot/lawn

**MEA Weekend**, October 18-20, including a special Student Experience Day on Oct. 19. Contact the Office of Admissions for more information.

**University of Minnesota School of Nursing Information Session**, Wednesday October 10, RSVP at [z.umn.edu/MNRegister](http://z.umn.edu/MNRegister)

**Employee Flu Shots**, October 11 at 11 a.m. and October 17 at 2 p.m. Bede A and B. All employees covered under the UPlan are eligible. Bring your UCard with you.

**National Coming Out Day**, October 11, Make an Ally Pledge from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Northern Lights Lounge.

**Fall Convocation**, Thursday, October 18, 12:30 p.m. Kiehle Auditorium

**Chancellor's Initiative: Own Your Future - Session 2** Tuesday, October 23, 12:15 p.m., Bede Ballroom and repeat at 6:30 p.m. in Evergreen Hall Classroom.

**Employee Benefits Fair, Wednesday**, October 31, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Bede Ballroom

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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](http://www.crk.umn.edu/today), or review UMC's news page at [www.crk.umn.edu/news](http://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

What piques the interest in undergraduate research for senior health sciences major **Michaela Lano**, Chaska, Minn., is her drive to discover new information. Curiosity literally takes Lano wading into the rivers and lakes of Minnesota in search of freshwater sponges. Click [here](#) for more.

### Faculty/Staff Arrivals and Departures

*New Hires*

**Amberly Cox** has been hired in the Office of Admissions and will transfer from her role as a farm animal attendant in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

**Leah Dufault** has been hired as a food service worker in Dining Services.

**Elizabeth Ferwerda** has been hired as assistant librarian (temporary) in the Library.

**Lee Groeschl** has been hired as the consultant for the Economic Development Administration (EDA).

**Colton Haight** has been hired as an assistant pitching coach and coach first base (temporary) in Golden Eagle Athletics.

**Kaitlyn Janssen** has been hired as a child care teacher in the Early Childhood Development Center.

**Brandon Kresl** has been hired as an assistant baseball coach (temporary) in Golden Eagle Athletics.

**Tesla Peterson** has been hired as a farm animal attendant in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department.

**Caylin Scheff** has been hired as a financial aid officer in the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

**Jordan Young** has been hired as an assistant softball/soccer coach in Golden Eagle Athletics.

*Staff Departures (with last day of employment)*

**Tom Feiro**, Environmental Health & Safety (September 7)

**Owen Williams**, Librarian (August 1)

**Evan Brandes**, Temp/Casual for Football (September 16)

**Andrew Svec**, Communications Director (September 11)

**Susan Dwyer**, Executive Office and Administrative Specialist (September 7)

**Carol Larson**, Building and Grounds Worker (August 3)

**Nataki Morris**, Student Services Prof 1 (August 22)

**Jacqueline Tjossem**, Food Services Worker (August 28)

**Katy Johnson**, director, wellness center (October 5)

## **Around Campus**

### ***Administrative Affairs –***

The **Fall Professional Development day** will be held on October 26, 2018 in the Sargeant Student Center second floor ballroom. The theme of the event will be Growth

in Learning. The event starts at 8:30 am and will end at 3 p.m. with lunch provided for participants.

The 9 a.m. keynote speaker for all participants will be Kris Gorman. Gorman will also lead the 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. faculty breakout sessions. The sessions will be “How Learning Works: Implications for Teaching” and “Learning More by Teaching Less”.

Tim Denney will lead the 10:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. staff breakout sessions. The title of the session is “Growth Mindset” and it will be repeated at 1:15 p.m.

Join the University of Minnesota Crookston community for the **Farm to Table dinner on Friday, November 2**. The evening is a celebration of Northern Minnesota grown and raised foods. Enjoy an evening dinner prepared by local chefs, featuring foods grown by UMC students, alumni and friends. UMC senior, Caleb Rempel and UMC Horticulture Lecturer, Rick Abrahamson, have been growing a multitude of vegetables and sunflowers for this Farm to Table event. Faculty and Staff may purchase tickets \$55/each online: [Here](#)

Congratulations to the faculty and staff members selected for the first ever **UMC Leadership Academy**. The 2018 – 2019 cohort includes 15 faculty and staff members: Diane Christianson, Jacoba de Boer, Jessica Hanson, You Bin Lee, Leslie Lekatz, Tamara Luna, Derek Martin, Kamille Meyer, Renee Mulcahy, Brooke Novak, Megan Beck Peterson, Tricia Sanders, Christen Schoenborn, Matthew Simmons, and Leah Stroot. The Leadership Academy program is a result of the 2015 Employee Engagement Survey where UMC faculty and staff shared their interest for more professional development, leadership and engagement opportunities. This program is also an important part of the U of M Crookston Strategic Initiative.

All UMC students are encouraged to attend Chancellor's Initiative: Own Your Future sessions.

The second session in the series **Own Your Future** will be presented on Tuesday, October 23. The program will work to help students build knowledge and skills to manage financial resources while in college and beyond. Each of the three engaging and interactive sessions this fall semester will focus on important topics to empower students to own their own financial future (e.g., understanding credit scores, managing student loans, practicing effective savings habits, overcoming financial challenges, etc.). Details are available: [Here](#)

### **Academic Affairs –**

The **National Conference on Undergraduate Research** (NCUR) has the following deadlines for their conference to be held April 10-13, 2019, in Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. All fields of research, scholarship and creative inquiry

are welcome. For information on NCUR, contact Associate Professor Venugopal Mukku.

- Abstract submissions open: October 8, 2018
- Abstract submissions close: December 4, 2018
- Notifications of decisions on abstracts: January 28, 2019
- Online registration opens: January 28, 2019
- Early registration deadline: February 26, 2019
- Late registration deadline: March 21, 2019

### ***Student Affairs –***

Don't miss the Business Department's **Distinguished Speaker Series: How the West was SPUN!**, a presentation on Fake News then and now by distinguished international strategic communications expert Daniel L. Coberly on October 9, at 12 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium.

Join the Crookston Student Association as we come together as a campus community for **Fall Convocation** on Thursday, October 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The program consists of recognizing the Chancellor's 4.0 Club, Fall Athletics, Residential Hall Honors, UMC Band, UMC Choir, and a keynote address.

### ***Admissions –***

**MEA Weekend**, October 18-20 is a great time to visit the University of Minnesota Crookston. We have a variety of different activities planned during this time. We have a special U of M Crookston Student Experience Day on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> - Stay overnight with a friend or sibling on campus. More information can be found [here](#).

**Upcoming Visits** include:

10/10	Verndale High School
10/10	Battle Lake High School
10/10	Mahnomen Secondary School
10/10	Norman County East High School
10/11	Wisconsin Education Fair (Ashland)
10/11	Pelican Rapids High School
10/11	Blaine High School
10/11	Fosston High School
10/11	Red Lake County HS
10/11	Lafayette High School
10/12	Wisconsin Education Fair (Rice Lake)
10/12	Rosemount High School
10/12	Hastings High School

10/12	Eagan High School
10/12	Ada-Borup Secondary School
10/15	Plymouth (Robbinsdale Armstrong HS)
10/15	Plymouth (Wayzata HS)
10/15	Senior High School
10/15	Climax Secondary School
10/15	Fisher High School
10/15	Crookston High School
10/15	Fisher High School
10/16	Apple Valley (Eastview HS)
10/16	Maplewood (Hill-Murray HS)
10/16	Woodbury (East Ridge HS)
10/16	Lincoln Senior School
10/16	Grygla Secondary School
10/16	Goodridge Secondary School
10/17	Arden Hills (Mounds View HS)
10/17	New Brighton (Irondale Senior High)
10/17	Rogers High School
10/22	Pine River-Backus High School
10/22	Pequot Lakes High School
10/23	Rockford High School
10/24-10/25	National College Fair - Minneapolis
10/26	Staples-Motley High School
10/26	Sebeka High School
10/26	Menahga High School
10/26	Bloomington (Kennedy Senior High)
10/26	Bloomington (Jefferson Senior High)
10/31	Northern Valley Career Expo - Grand Forks

### ***Human Resources –***

Make plans to attend the 2018 **Employee Benefits Fair** on Wednesday, October 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Bede Ballroom. This is a great opportunity for you to talk to health, dental, pharmacy, retirement, EAP, and wellbeing representatives. Stop by to learn more about your benefits options and pick up free vendor promotional gifts.

## ***Facilities & Operations –***

### *October Events*

Tuesday, October 9, NW MN Foundation "Lunch & Learn" Session 11:30-1:30 p.m.  
Bede A/B

Thursday, Oct 18, Tri-Valley Opportunity Council Inc. - Agassiz Town Home Grand Opening Bede Ballroom 8:30-10:30 a.m. For more information contact- Diane Littlefield

Tuesday, Oct 23, Freedom Church Planning Session - Bede Ballroom 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct 25 - Edward Jones Investment Fall Seminar - Bede Ballroom 6-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, Oct 27 - BCBS Info Sessions 9-5:00 p.m. Kiehle Conference Room 105

Sunday, Oct 28 - Hoops on Halloween (Crookston Lions Club and UMC Athletics)

## ***Technology Support Services –***

Beginning in November, over the course of 12 months, faculty, staff, and students will be required to enroll in **Duo Security** at the U of M Sign In page at the time of their annual password reset. With Duo in place, when you access systems like MyU, Gmail, and Canvas, you'll use your Internet ID, password, and a Duo-enrolled device to verify your identity. [Video:](#)

## ***Development & Alumni Relations –***

One of the highlights of homecoming weekend was the annual **Alumni Awards Celebration**. The 2018 honorees include this year's Outstanding Alumni Award recipients: Nancy Capistran '71, '92, '01; Wayne Freimund '81 and Peggy Lee Hilton '68. Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame were Ken Bond '96, football and Chancellor Emeritus Charles H. Casey. More about this event can be found [here](#).

## ***University Relations –***

**Cassandra Morthera Navarrete** has moved to University Relations as a Communications Associate to assist with writing, editing, and other duties. Cassandra is a 2018 graduate in communication from Mexico City, Mexico, and most recently worked in the Office of Admissions as an admissions counselor.

## **Athletics –**

Golden Eagle Athletics has announced that Maggee Hodgdon (Fr., Newberg, Ore.) of the women's soccer team, and Andy Groebner (Fr., Andover, Minn.) of the football team, are the UMC Teambackers Student-Athletes of the Month for September. Hodgdon and Groebner are both first-time honorees and are the first Student-Athletes of the Month for the 2018-19 season.

University of Minnesota Crookston football player Ali Alkhatib (R-Sr., LB, Rosemount, Minn.) was named the NSIC Defensive Player of the Week after an outstanding performance against Minot State University on Sat., Sept. 22. Alkhatib is the first NSIC Player of the Week selection since Dre Person was named NSIC Offensive Player of the Week Nov. 9, 2015.

## **Accolades & Achievements**

**College Consensus**, a unique new college review aggregator, has recognized University of Minnesota-Crookston in our survey of the Most Affordable Colleges and Universities for 2018. The ranking <https://www.collegeconsensus.com/rankings/most-affordable-schools/> also includes a link to a more extensive profile of your school which can be found [here](#).

**Rutherford Johnson** was named a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London in recognition of his application of geographical and geospatial analysis in economics. The society, founded 1830 and chartered by Queen Victoria in 1859, is the United Kingdom's learned society and professional organization for geography around the world. The society has been involved with many famous exploratory expeditions, including those of polar explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton, naturalist Charles Darwin, explorers Stanley and Livingstone, and the first man to summit Mt. Everest, Sir Edmund Hillary. Work of the society's members today has expanded to include many applications of geography, including international economic development and climate change.

The **Carol E. Macpherson Scholarship** has been awarded to Senior Martha Stellmach, an accounting major from Foley, Minn. She will be recognized at the annual Celebrating Changemakers program on Thursday, October 11, 4-6 pm in McNamara Alumni Center on the East Bank Twin Cities campus. To RSVP for the 2018 Celebrating Changemakers award, email [women@umn.edu](mailto:women@umn.edu)

## **Research, Publications, Presentations & Conferences**

The *Royal Economic Society Newsletter* has published an article on the topic of "Taxation Socialism and Social Justice" written by **Rutherford Johnson**, a lecturer of



economics in the Business Department. The article can be found in Issue #182, from July 2018 on page 23. A link to the article can be found [here](#).

The *Crookston Daily Times* published an editorial by **Rutherford Johnson** on Viewpoint: Minnesota's strength is a guide to developing economies' salvation on September 12: It can be accessed [here](#).

## Student Clubs and Organizations

**A Day on the Farm** will be held at the U of M Crookston on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 5-7 pm in the UTOC parking lot/lawn. Admission is free; there will be a cost of \$1 per ticket for games/pony rides. Other event highlights will include pictures, the opportunity to win prizes, and snacks. All proceeds from this event will be going towards a presentation that will be held by Temple Grandin in January 2019. This event is sponsored by the UMC Pre-Vet Club, The Horseman's Association, the Ag-Arama Club, CRU, and the Animal Science Association.

**Homecoming royalty** were crowned at the University of Minnesota Crookston on Thursday evening, September 27, 2018, in Kiehle Auditorium during this year's Homecoming Spirit Rally. Logan Milligan, a senior majoring in agricultural business from New York Mills, Minn., was crowned king and Isieoma Odor, a senior majoring in criminal justice from Bloomington, Minn., was crowned homecoming queen for 2018. Other members of the royalty included Megan Bellefy, a junior double majoring in agricultural education and animal science from Bagley, Minn.; Josh Lanasa, a senior majoring in agricultural business from Eden Prairie, Minn.; Taylor Harsha, a senior double major in marketing and management from Park Rapids, Minn.; Zach Greenberg, a senior majoring in sport and recreation management from Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada; Ben Koisti, a senior majoring in golf and turf management from Lake Norden, S.D.; and Bethany Novak, a senior majoring in marketing from Dahlen, N.D.

## Campus & Community

Michelle Christopherson, director of Outreach and Engagement, will be leading the **Crookston Campus Community Connection**. Their first meeting for fall 2018 will take place on Thursday, October 10. They will discuss a social media overview for local businesses, the upcoming College Town Forums, and the successful Dine around Town event held earlier this fall.

## Career Development

The University's **PearsonVue Certified Testing Center** was officially reopened as of October 2nd. UMC's PearsonVue Certified Testing Center is authorized to offer a variety of licensing exams, more specifically and particularly important to UMC students - MTLE & NES exams.

**Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations (MTLE)** were developed in alignment with Minnesota regulations and content standards for teachers, including the Minnesota Board of Teaching Rules. MTLE tests are designed to measure a candidate's proficiency levels in basic skills, pedagogy, and a specific content area, based on Minnesota policies for each field.

**National Evaluation Series (NES)** is a teacher certification testing program. NES tests are aligned to professionally accepted, national subject and pedagogy standards. The test fields range from tests of essential academic skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and technology literacy to tests of a candidate's knowledge of pedagogy and specific content areas.

### **University of Minnesota System**

Free webinars are scheduled during National Retirement Security Week open to all employees. The one-hour sessions cover personal finance, investing, and saving for retirement (including what to consider just before you retire). The webinars will be led by representatives from investment firms that participate in the University's voluntary retirement plans.

The sessions require registration in advance. More information is available on the [Office of Human Resources website](#).

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