



Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) Camp attendees in Bede Ballroom, July 8-15. RYLA is an intensive leadership experience for young students to develop leadership skills and make connections. Thanks for visiting UMN Crookston.

LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Last week I was walking down the hall and I had to stop. Near the intersection at Owen Hall, there were so many of us walking in the hallway we had to stop and allow each other to pass. There was a moment of what our hallways looked like pre-COVID. It was great to see so many of you back in person and looking forward to seeing more of you in the coming month. Welcome back.

In the next several weeks, Chris will be sending a schedule for Welcome Back Week. We hope you can join many of the sessions starting with the Chancellor update on Monday, August 15. If you have sessions you want listed, please get them to [Chris](#) in the near future.

We have many new people who have joined us in the last few months. Please stop and introduce yourself to our new employees. We will have another welcome BBQ at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 27. In addition to our new employees we will also be honoring a special guest, Dr. Rachel Croson, Executive VP and Provost for the University of Minnesota. Please [RSVP to Chris](#) by July 20 if you plan to attend.

Activities on Campus

In the last month, we have hosted two UMC Teambacker golf tournaments, a variety of youth summer camps including Crookston Parks and Rec's Club Kid, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo's Kid Spot, East Grand Forks' Summer Adventure, UMN Extension, 4-H, Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), a robotics camp (August), prospective student tours and a handful of campus and garden tours. Welcome back to campus!

This year's National Night Out (NNO), Night to Unite, is in its 39th year nationally and 19th in Crookston. [Night to Unite's](#) location will be on the University of Minnesota Crookston campus, Tuesday, August 2 and if you are interested in being a part of this fabulous community event please let [Michelle Christopherson](#) know. We have room for volunteers and informative booths.

In just a couple of weeks more than 175 Region I Minnesota FFA youth leaders will arrive for their annual Leadership conference in early August. While hosting groups large or small, it does take a lot of effort to assure a safe, enjoyable yet impactful experience but with solid collaboration, community volunteers and local organizations we have been able to do just that. Many of our guests have echoed the friendly yet inviting campus environment along with the beautiful gardens that our Buildings and Grounds team continue to groom and manage. If you would like to volunteer to assist with this event, contact Michelle.

The Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social is set for Wednesday, August 17 from 3-5 p.m. near the Harris A. Peterson Gazebo. Stop out and see us, summer is flying by.

Transition and Thank You

A special thanks to Michelle Christopherson, who took on the point of contact for the eCampus Update, Events Calendar and press releases/alumni spotlights supporting University Relations and the Interim Director of Communications for the past year and a half. Michelle will continue her full-time, Outreach & Engagement role as Jess Bengtson, Communication Specialist, transitions as the new point of contact for each. You can reach Jess via email: jessbeng@crk.umn.edu Campus Updates will continue weekly, remember to get your updates and information to Jess by noon, the Friday prior. Thank you Michelle.

"In The Know" campus happenings - internal communication

Jess has started an "In The Know" campus happenings weekly email for faculty and staff to help share information about special visits and events so everyone is aware of those items. She's working directly

with facilities and departments to gather info so if you have something to share, like a visit from 100 high school students for FFA, special tours for Girl Scouts, etc. please email her by Friday of each week.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Human Resources

New Hires

Nick Stone, Fitness & Wellness Coordinator - Athletics, July 18

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Crookston, Nick worked as a graduate assistant for Harding University's athletic program where he is obtaining his Master's degree in Strength and Conditioning. Nick also worked as an intern at Loras College's athletic program while earning his Bachelor of Arts in Kinesiology and playing on their baseball team.

Ryan Moe, Director of Facilities and Operations, July 25

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Crookston, Ryan has spent the last seven years as the Packaging and Warehouse Supervisor at American Crystal Sugar. Ryan also has over 10 years of experience working in engineering roles with Marvin Windows as well as Retrax. Ryan obtained his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of North Dakota and his MBA from the University of Wisconsin.

Neil Mancktelow, Assistant Coach - Women's Soccer, Aug 1

Prior to joining the University of Minnesota Crookston, Neil served as the Head Women's Soccer Coach for Mount Mary University. He also served as the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach for University of South Dakota. Neil has several years of experience working in various development roles for youth soccer including Dakota ODP, Sampson County Soccer, and Clinton United. Neil obtained his BBA in Sports Management from SUNY- Canton and two MA degrees from the University of South Dakota.

Anne Prudhomme, Head Coach - Trap, Aug 15

Anne is an experienced RN Health Coach who has a passion for trap/clay targets. Anne held several clinical roles with Riverview Health from 2005-2018 and has spent the last eight years as a Health Coach at the Altru Clinic in Crookston. Anne obtained her Associates Degree in Nursing from Northland Community and Technical College and her Bachelor's in Nursing from Minnesota State University Moorhead. She has experience as a college trap athlete, captain of recreational summer leagues, and a current board member of the Crookston Gun Club.

Campus Updates

UMN Crookston Branded Debit Card



UMN Crookston has partnered with First Community Credit Union (FCCU) with a branded debit card. This agreement was approved in early May and cards have been printed at specific branches and are ready for distribution at regional First Community Credit Union locations; Jamestown Main, Valley City, Bismarck, Mandan, Wahpeton, Fargo 45th, Fargo 52nd, Devils Lake, and Grand Forks. UMN Crookston FCCU members may get their branded card by visiting the Grand Forks branch located at: [3351 32nd Ave S, Ste](#)

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Leadership Crookston

Crookston Area Chamber of Commerce has brought back their Leadership Crookston program which runs August 10-November 16 with four-hour sessions either once a week or once every other week. The first three faculty or staff members who are interested in attending will be covered by the university. Please respond to [Chris](#) if you'd like to sign up. Note: UMN Crookston will also be providing our own in-depth leadership training open to everyone once school starts. This will be run by Dr. Kevin Thompson and our colleagues in Extension.

WELLBEING AT THE U

Group Health Coaching

Group Health Coaching presentations are free, informational sessions that provide wellbeing information on a variety of topics. Whether it be a guest presenter or one of the health coaches that is an expert on the topic, there is a topic for everyone! When you attend a group coaching presentation, [fill out the registration form](#) and you will receive 200 points every time you attend a session.

Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming Group Health Coaching presentations.

August 10 at Noon Preserving the Harvest

August 17 at Noon Effective Allyship at Work

The [University Wellbeing Program](#) has a variety of upcoming programs for you to participate in.

EVENTS

Northwest Research and Outreach Center's (NWROC) annual Crops and Soils Day, Wednesday, July 20

Registration and CEU signup for the morning program is 7:30 a.m. with Small Grains tours beginning at 8:00 a.m. Registration and CEU signup for the afternoon sugarbeet tour opens at 12:15 p.m. The sugarbeet program will start at 12:45 p.m. with two tours running simultaneously. A complimentary lunch will be served at noon for all guests. Contact Megan Benoit at mbenoit@umn.edu or call 218-281-8610 with questions.

Crop and Soils Day will be held at the maintenance/farm operations building, located on the south side of Hwy 71 on NWROC's campus.

Join UMN Crookston in celebrating summer with downtown businesses in the annual Crazy Days. Food trucks, music and giveaways at various downtown businesses and areas. UMN Crookston will have a tent on the corner of Main and Hwy #2 corridor. If you care to join in the fun, click [here](#) and sign up.

4-H Immersion Camp, 6th-12th grade, Higher Ed exploration, July 25 and 26

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to explore life on campus at the University of Minnesota Crookston. This two-day, one-night experience will include hands-on activities with faculty from UMN Crookston and the opportunity to explore dormitory life on the Crookston campus. Get ready to try new things while building an understanding of yourself and your own pathway to higher education!

Warren Alvarado Oslo Summer Adventures camp, July 25 and August 5

Thirty-five K-5th grade students will engage in a variety of STEM enrichment activities along with Wacky Olympics, and water games on campus between 10 a.m. and noon.

East Grand Forks K-5 Summer Learning Program, July 26, August 1, 2, 3 and 4

Roughly 200 students signed up for this Summer Learning Program, grades Kindergarten - 5th grade will explore UMN Crookston over a five-day period of time, engaging in STEM related activities across campus. This summer learning program originates from South Point Elementary, East Grand Forks.

Crookston Parks and Recreation Club Kid, July 14 and 21

Students aged K- 5th grade are visiting campus and exploring equine and animal science activities, wacky Olympics and the Wellness Center. Club Kid is a summer program offered through Crookston Park & Rec for elementary aged children.

UMN Crookston Campus BBQ, July 27 at 11:30 Gazebo

Wednesday, July 27 at 11:30 a.m., join us for a summer picnic and a little time to catch up. Please let [Chris Winjum](#) know by July 17 if you will attend and can accommodate any dietary needs you have. Stop out for some good conversation and connection with colleagues.

Night to Unite, Campus Mall, August 2 - 3:30-7:30 p.m.

National Night Out celebrates its 39th year while the City of Crookston hosts the 19th annual Night to Unite. Free to participate and if you wish to volunteer, contact Michelle, mchristo@umn.edu or [sign up here](#).

Region I FFA Leadership Conference August 9 and 10

Approximately 175 Region I FFA leaders will embark on campus for a variety of leadership activities. [Sign up to volunteer and assist](#) as a chaperone.

Ox Cart Ice Cream Social, Wednesday, August 17 Gazebo, 3-5p.m.

Stop out to the campus mall and enjoy music, ice cream and good Ox Cart conversation. [Sign up to serve here](#).

Ox Cart Day Torchlight Parade walk through

Saturday, August 20 at 6:30-6:45 p.m., line up at North Broadway and wear maroon and gold.

Accolades



2022 UMC Teambacker Golf Classic presented by Altru; First place team: Dee Mfg. LLC.
Left to right: Mike Anderson, Charles Eickhof, Ethan Christopherson, Mike Christopherson and Trey Christopherson
For more photos check out [UMN Crookston social media pages](#).