



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

U of M Crookston Campus E-Update

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From the Chancellor

Our College Advisory and Advancement Board (CAAB) met on campus on Friday, November 17. The members of the board are: Allan Dragseth, Mary Jo Eastes '79; David Ekman '81; David Hoff, Pete Kappes '77; Doug McArthur; Roger Moe; Judy Neppel; Jeff Peterson '96; Sarah Reese; Doug Sandstrom, '73; LeRoy Stumpf; Dr. Kari Torkelson '91; Pete Wasberg; Don Weber; and Deb Zak.

During the meeting, we provided the board members background information about our enrollment strategy, strategic planning, finances, fundraising and athletics. These dedicated volunteers provided us some excellent perspectives and thoughts. In the afternoon, each of them was paired with a student and spent the next few hours "as students." Some of their comments upon returning included:

"It was good to connect with a student and their teachers. Our teacher had so much passion for their subject. I wish I could be a student again."

"I got to play Legos in my class, which actually was an amazing way to teach students about different management styles. Creative work on the teacher's part."

"It is always good to hear from students and what it looks like from their perspective. It has been quite a few years since I've been in the classroom. It is so different."

Thanks to our students and faculty members who graciously allowed our CAAB members to participate in their classrooms.

The next CAAB meeting will be in May. In the meantime, the group has decided to break into smaller task forces and work with us on addressing some of our critical issues. Learn more about CAAB at www.crk.umn.edu/committees-organizations/college-advisory-and-advancement-board.

Wishing you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.
All the best!

Mary Holz-Clause
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Holiday, Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24 – classes excused, campus offices closed

5th Annual PEACE Unity Meal, Thursday, November 23 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Evergreen Grill, Evergreen Hall, free and open to all students, faculty, and staff remaining in Crookston for Thanksgiving

Home Golden Eagle Men's Basketball NSIC Opener, Saturday, November 25 – 3 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Business Department Distinguished Speaker Series: Jody Hodgson, General Manager, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Tuesday, November 28 – Noon, Bede Ballroom, Rooms D & E, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

UMC Pop Choir Performs as Part of the Polk County Historical Society's Support the Carnegie Concert, Tuesday, November 28 – 7:30 p.m., Carnegie Library, 120 N. Ash St., Crookston

Confucius Institute Hosts Chinese Cultural Night, Thursday, November 30 – 5 to 7 p.m., Hong's Chinese Restaurant, 2215 Sahlstrom Dr., Crookston, RSVP to xuxx1266@crk.umn.edu

Agriculture and Natural Resources Activities Day (ANRAD), Friday, December 1 – 7:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., locations across campus, 1 p.m. Awards Program, Lysaker Gym, UMC Sports Center

Winterberry Craft and Vendor Bazaar, Saturday, December 2 – 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

Crookston Student Association Hosts Santaland for Area Children, Saturday, December 2 – Noon to 3 p.m., Sargeant Student Center, free and open to the public

Home Golden Eagle Women's Basketball NSIC Opener vs. Minnesota Duluth, Saturday, December 2 – 4 p.m., Lysaker Gymnasium, UMC Sports Center

Crookston Community Band Concert, Sunday, December 3 – 3 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

UMC Choir Concert, Monday, December 4 – 7 p.m., Hafslo Church, Polk County Historical Museum, 719 E. Robert St., Crookston, free and open to the public

Thursday Commons: Faculty and Student Research Presentations, Thursday, December 7 – Noon to 2 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Last Day of Classes for Fall Semester 2017, Friday, December 8

UMC Jazz Band Jingle Jazz Concert, Saturday, December 9 – 7:30 p.m., Kiehle Auditorium, free and open to the public

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 Amanda Monson started working with Jason Brantner, a researcher at the Northwest Research and Outreach Center, she knew very little if anything about sugar beets. Now, she spends time learning about them every week. The senior from Bottineau, N.D., is majoring in agronomy, and her work at the Research Center came about after a tour during plant pathology class. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/senior-amanda-monson.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

A delegation from UMC attended the Higher Learning Commission's Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Strategy Forum in Chicago, Illinois, November 13-15. Attending were Chancellor Mary Holz-Clause, Barbara Keinath, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs; Lisa Sameulson, interim associate vice chancellor for student affairs; Mark Huglen, professor, Liberal Arts & Education Department; Tricia Sanders, finance director; Sue Erickson, institutional effectiveness; and Jeff Sperling, technology support services. The Strategy Forum is central to the AQIP Pathway for accreditation because it brings together teams from other AQIP institutions in an environment that supports and encourages the generation of new strategies and tactics for institutional improvement. The Forum also offers opportunities for participating teams to exchange constructive feedback on their quality systems and specific projects that may eventually become formal AQIP Action Projects. HLC staff and facilitators are also available at the Forum to assist the institutions throughout the workshop.

Academic Affairs –

Jody Hodgson, general manager of Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks, N.D., will speak as part of the Business Department Distinguished Speaker Series on Tuesday, November 28, at Noon in Bede Ballroom, Rooms D & E, Sargeant Student Center. The presentation is free and open to the public. A Q&A session will follow his presentation. Hodgson earned his master's degree in sports management from the United States Sports Academy and completed his bachelor's degree in business at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. Prior to working as general manager of the Engelstad Arena, he served as assistant director, among other positions, at the Tacoma Dome in Tacoma, Washington.

Approximately 1000 students from more than 50 high schools, chapters, and clubs are expected on campus on Friday, December 1, to compete in more than 20 contests as part of Agriculture and Natural Resources Activities Day (ANRAD). The competition has been held for more than 30 years on the Crookston campus. The day begins early with registration for some contests beginning at 7:15 a.m. Contests ranging from horticulture and forestry to ag mechanics, livestock and sales engage students, who compete to win scholarships. The day culminates with an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. in Lysaker Gym in the UMC Sports Center. FFA awards are announced first, followed by awards for the specific contests. The contests are overseen by U of M Crookston Agriculture & Natural Resources Department faculty and staff, with assistance from UMC students. Learn more and see the full schedule of contests at www.crk.umn.edu/agriculture-and-natural-resources-activities-day.

A new website has launched for Music and Theater at UMC: www.crk.umn.edu/academics/music-theater.

The site provides information about the various groups and opportunities students have available to them

UMC Music and Theater will offer a number of events that are free and open to the public, some may accept freewill offerings to support related activities.

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With the departure of UMC Dining Services General Manager Jarvis Richardson, who is following a career opportunity in New Jersey, Justin Kaderlik, C.E.C., will serve as interim general manager. Chef Kaderlik was trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris, and he has worked for Sodexo for a number of years as culinary operations support for the organization's north central region. He will assume his interim responsibilities for UMC Dining Services after Thanksgiving.

International Programs –

The Confucius Institute will host Chinese Cultural Night on Thursday, November 30, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hong's Chinese Restaurant, 2215 Sahlstrom Dr., Crookston. Transportation will be provided from the Prairie Room, Sargeant Student Center, leaving at 4:30 p.m. The event is free and open to students, faculty, and staff. Seats are limited. RSVP to xuxx1266@crk.umn.edu by 1 p.m. on Monday, November 27, and provide name, email address, and phone number.

Admissions –

In an effort to inform faculty and staff of Admissions staff recruitment travel, the schedule of upcoming school visits is listed below. If any faculty and staff members have information they wish to highlight regarding prospective students or are interested and able to assist in any way, they are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions.

November 28-30

Minnesota Regions 8 and 9
New Ulm Senior High
GFW High School in Winthrop

Sibley East Senior High in Arlington
LeSueur-Henderson High School
Tri-City United High School in Montgomery
Madelia Senior High School
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Secondary
Mankato East & Mankato West High Schools
Nicollet High School
St. Peter High School
Cleveland High School
Janesville Waldorf Pemberton High School
Waseca High School
Waterville Elysian Morristown High School

Minnesota Region 7

Mounds View High School
Irondale High School
Stillwater High School
Mahtomedi High School
White Bear Lake High School
Apple Valley High School
Eastview High School
Rosemount High School
Eagan High School
Belle Plaine High School
Jordan High School
New Prague High School
Prior Lake High School
St Louis Park High School
Hopkins High School
Minnetonka High School

December 4-5

Minnesota Regions 8 and 9

Alden-Conger Secondary School
Owatonna High School
Faribault High School
Medford High School
Northfield High School

Minnesota Region 7

St. Anthony Village High School
Roseville High School
Johnson High School in St. Paul
Harding High School in St. Paul
North High School in St. Paul
Mounds Park Academy in St. Paul
Hill-Murray School in Maplewood
Tartan High School in Oakdale

University Relations –

All of the student stories produced by University Relations since January of 2016, including the feature story about Amanda Monson in this edition of E-Update (under the Student Stories heading above), have been linked to their respective academic major web pages. To view them, follow the link to any academic major listed at www.crk.umn.edu/academics and look under the Student Stories accordion button heading (hit the “+” on the bar). Whenever new features are published on the News @ UMC page (www.crk.umn.edu/news), they will be linked to the featured student’s academic major(s).

Athletics –

Golden Eagle Football wide receiver and senior communication major Adam Connette has surpassed the campus records of alumni Mark Olsonawski 1999 in receptions and Carl Aho 2000 in receiving yards. During his UMC career, Connette achieved 242 receptions and 2781 receiving yards. On Saturday, November 11, he reached another milestone when he tied Aho’s record mark of 23 receiving touchdowns. The story of how Connette came to study and play football in Crookston, a town of over 7,000 located in the fertile farm country of the Red River Valley, starts in a more fast-paced environment in the Southern California town of Corona, located in between Los Angeles and Riverside. Learn more at www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2017/11/11/football-family-drives-minnesota-crookstons-all-time-leading-receiver-to-record-marks.aspx.

Five Golden Eagle Football players have earned six Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) 2017 All-Conference Awards. The Golden Eagles had two players honored as All-NSIC North First Team recipients with **Adam Connette**, a senior from Corona, Calif., named as a wide receiver, and **Rod Stewart**, a junior from Fort Worth, Texas, named as a return specialist. Stewart was also named All-NSIC North Second Team as a wide receiver. **Austin Howard**, a senior from New Albany, Miss., was selected as All-NSIC Second Team. **Stephen Day**, a junior from Eveleth, Minn., and **Will Cole**, a junior from Compton, Calif., rounded out the Minnesota Crookston contingent as All-NSIC North Honorable Mention selections.

Golden Eagle Volleyball outside hitter and senior elementary education major Kassi Green of Anoka, Minn., has been named Second Team All-Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC). Individually, Green achieved one of the best seasons of any UMC volleyball player in program history. Learn more at www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2017/11/9/womens-volleyball-kassi-green-named-second-team-all-nsic.aspx.

Golden Eagle Men’s Basketball guard Harrison Cleary, a sophomore sport and recreation management major from Oak Creek, Wis., has been named the NSIC North Player of the Week after two strong games and wins over University of Sioux Falls (Nov. 18) and Oak Hills Christian College (Nov. 14). Cleary is the first NSIC Player of the Week selection for any Golden Eagle athletic team in the 2017-18 athletic season. He was a two-time NSIC North Player of the Week selection during the 2016-17 season. Learn more at www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2017/11/20/mens-basketball-cleary-named-nsic-north-player-of-the-week.aspx.

The U of M Crookston **Hunt Seat Equestrian Team** competed in a pair of shows at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls Saturday, Nov. 18 and Sunday, Nov. 19. **The Golden Eagles dominated the show Sunday as they took home High Point Team honors, while Megan Motter earned High Point Rider, followed closely by Ellie Waagen, who earned Reserve High Point Rider.** Saturday, Minnesota Crookston finished tied for Reserve High

Point Team. Learn more at www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2017/11/20/equestrian-hunt-seat-motter-claims-high-point-rider-as-golden-eagles-top-team-honors-sunday-at-wisconsin-river-falls.aspx.

Sustainability –

On average UMC diverts 6% of its waste from the landfill by recycling, and the campus would like to increase that percentage. **The Center for Sustainability and Crookston Students for Sustainable Development (CSSD) have collaborated to launch the new Golden Eagle Green Team.** Student members of the Green Team will help fans and guests at selected athletic events learn about recycling and will direct them to place recyclables in the recycling receptacles, not in the trash. Identified by a distinctive t-shirt they wear, Green Team members will also assist with sustainability trivia and engage in activities that promote sustainability goals and values at athletic events. The Golden Eagle Green Team will be promoting recycling on three dates at NSIC home basketball games: Friday, December 1; Saturday, December 2; and Tuesday, December 5. For more information, contact Katy Chapman at katys@umn.edu or Anita Gust at agust@umn.edu.

Accolades & Achievements –

The University of Minnesota Crookston is ranked among the “Top Public Universities in Minnesota” (at number 3) for 2018 by Niche, an online educational resource. Niche also listed **UMC at #1 among the “Best Online Colleges in Minnesota” and at #5 among the “Best Online Colleges in America.”** Niche rankings are based on “rigorous analysis of data and reviews” including academic, admissions, financial, and student life data from the U.S. Department of Education along with reviews from students and alumni. See the full lists at www.niche.com/colleges/university-of-minnesota---crookston/rankings.

Niche also listed **UMC at #1 among the "Safest College Campuses in Minnesota"** for 2018 and ranked **UMC at #4 on the list of “Best College Dorms in Minnesota.”** The campus earned a grade of “A” for its residence halls. The ranking is based on statistics and student reviews, and Niche states, “Top-ranked colleges offer outstanding campus housing that is safe and clean with modern amenities at reasonable prices.” See the full list of safest campuses at www.niche.com/colleges/search/safest-colleges/s/minnesota/ and the list of best college dorms at www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-college-dorms/s/minnesota.

The University of Minnesota Crookston is ranked among the top 5 “Best 4-Year Colleges in Minnesota” by Schools.com, an online education resource. UMC came in at #4 on the list, which was determined by a methodology considering cost, program flexibility, and graduation rates, as well as other factors. The list also considered both on-campus and online study option. View the full list at www.schools.com/colleges/minnesota.

The University of Minnesota Crookston received national recognition at the ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony, the first-ever nationwide campaign to recognize colleges and universities committed to increasing college student voting rates. UMC earned two Best in Class awards for having the highest and most improved student voting rates within the four-year, small, public institution category. UMC also earned a Bronze Seal for achieving a student voting rate of 57.5%, an increase of 7.6 percent from 2012 and 7% higher than the national average of all colleges and universities. (Rates were calculated by the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE).) To view the entire list of award winners, go to www.allinchallenge.org/awards-ceremony.

UMC's online degree program in Sport & Recreation Management has been ranked among the top 15 (at number 8) "Best Online Sports Management Degrees" in the nation for 2017 by the online education resource College Choice. See the full list at www.collegechoice.net/rankings/best-online-sports-management-degrees.

U of M Crookston alumnus Carl Wittenburg 1985 and his wife, Sharlene, accompanied this year's presidential turkey—raised on the Wittenburg farm near Alexandria, Minn.—to Washington, D.C., to receive the annual presidential pardon at the White House on Tuesday, November 21. To view the pardoning ceremony, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOdNfKDe71M. The pardoning ceremony takes place roughly at the 6-minute mark. Wittenburg was honored with an Outstanding Alumni Award earlier this autumn as part of UMC Homecoming.

Research, Publications & Presentations

Associate Professor Kristie Walker and Associate Professor Katy Chapman presented a poster at the annual conference of the American Society of Agronomy/Crop Science Society of America/Soil Science Society of America (ASA/CSSA/SSSA), held October 22-25 in Tampa, Florida. The poster is titled "Water Conservation Practices on the Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions on Creeping Bentgrass Putting Greens" and is part of their ongoing collaborative greenhouse gas research.

Assistant Professor Megan Bell presented at the National Communication Association Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas, on Friday, November 17. She was part of a panel called "eTools: Practical Uses of Technology in the Communication Classroom." As part of the panel, she shared her experiences with the eTool Easel.ly, an online infographic design tool. The panel was comprised of six eTools authors. NCA's eTools is a collection of white papers on apps and programs faculty use in their classrooms.

Campus & Community

UMC's academic departments, Career Development, and the Crookston Campus-Community Connection (C4) have worked to develop a **website geared toward external audiences who are looking for or are considering hiring current student for internships**. The website, www.umcrookston.edu/internships, provides information about academic internships as well as contact information for individuals who help coordinate student internships in each academic department. The website was created in response to requests from businesses and organizations in the local community of Crookston.

University of Minnesota Crookston student clubs and organizations will host activities, crafts, and prizes for all Crookston area children during the annual **Santaland, set for Saturday, December 2, from Noon to 3 p.m. in the Sargeant Student Center**. The event is free and open to the public. In addition to the many activities, attendees will have the opportunity for festive photos with Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and their helpful elves. Cookies and hot chocolate will also be provided. Santaland is sponsored by the Crookston Student Association.

The Winterberry Craft and Vendor Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. Hosted by the UMC Horticulture Club and Natural Resources Club, the event is free and open to the public. Local crafters and vendors will have many handmade gifts for sale including jewelry, crafts, clothing, toys, bags, food products, holiday items, plants, and more.

Extension

Deb Zak, who recently retired from her position as regional director for the University of Minnesota's Northwest Regional Extension Office, has been recognized as one of "10 Exceptional Extension Specialists" in the nation by *Successful Farming*. View the list at www.agriculture.com/farm-management/10-exceptional-extension-specialists.

University of Minnesota System

The University of Minnesota is seeking system-wide feedback on internal communications preferences. The information gathered through the survey will help strengthen how and when important University information is communicated. Faculty and staff are encouraged to complete the following short online survey by December 1: <http://z.umn.edu/UMNCommSurvey>.

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