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LEADERSHIP LETTER

From the Chancellor

Right before I sat down to pen the communique, I read through my emails with summaries of this weekend's wrap-up of our athletic teams. It was a great weekend for our dedicated student-athletes.

The men's basketball team had a nail biter and successful win on Friday, the women also had a close game with overtime but lost by two points in a thrilling game. Saturday, our women's team bounced back and played their best game of the season with a record-setting win over Minot State.

The women's tennis team has shown great improvements in their first two matches of the season. On the softball front, our team scored the most runs in a season opener in program history and picked up two more impressive victories on Saturday.

Two of our very successful winning athletic teams, baseball and hockey didn't get to play a few games due to weather in Oklahoma for baseball and health concerns for hockey. But on Sunday when the baseball team got to go to the field, they swept their games. Hockey has secured a spot in the WCCHA Tournament in Blaine, Minn. next week.

We are also incredibly proud of our equestrian team who will be competing for the first time-ever at the 2022 Eastern College Athletic Conference Championship. Only six teams are invited to compete.

We know you are busy, but please try to find time to come out and support our student-athletes. They appreciate your presence at their games and matches.

COVID-19 Updates

Thanks to all of you who have been diligent about mask wearing. There are still some geographic pockets on campus where some feel wearing a mask is optional. It isn't. Those who consistently violate the U of M policy will be subjected to disciplinary action. But overall we are doing much better and I thank you for this. Sadly, Friday, the U.S. had its 900,000 deaths from COVID. In 51 days we went from 800,000 recorded deaths to 900,000. COVID is the third largest killer behind heart disease and cancer in the U.S. The disease is contagious and very much with us. Please wear your mask for others around you.

Shout Out

Congratulations to Dr. Katy Chapman for securing a single-semester sabbatical and to Dr. Kristie Walker for securing a single-semester leave for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Black History Month

Join me in remembering and celebrating the rich and meaningful history of Black people in this country. Thank you, all, who contribute to making our diverse community thrive.

Be safe and mask-up.

Chancellor Mary

CAMPUS UPDATES

Polk County Public Health will run weekly COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Testing Sites in Crookston, East Grand Forks and McIntosh through the month of February. Testing will be by appointment only, at no cost, and test results will be available the same day. To schedule an appointment visit the [website](#).

Crookston Park and Recreation, summer hires

Jobs available include: Park Maintenance, Baseball Coach, Fastpitch Softball Coach, Lifeguards, Park and Landscape Maintenance, Baseball/Softball Field Maintenance, Club Kid Instructors and Baseball Umpires. Contact Jake Solberg, '09, Crookston Parks and Recreation Director Cell: 218-280-0260



Career Services

Virtual Career Fair Preparation Workshop, February 10, 5-6:30

This on campus workshop will be held in Evergreen classroom. Pizza will be served.

Make the most of Virtual Career Fairs by attending one of these prep sessions. Topics covered:

- Identifying and researching target opportunities and employers
- Navigating the virtual fair
- Introducing yourself and asking questions of employers
- Following up with employers

Agriculture and Natural Resources

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) car washes

Support the NACTA students as they fundraise for their annual NACTA competition. Contact Melissa Hammer at hamme734@crk.umn.edu to schedule a time. All vehicles are cleaned indoors in the Kiser Building, and can be picked up and dropped off for your convenience.

Theater and Music Department

Plan to attend the Student Musical "Two by Two", February 10, 11, and 12 in Kiehle Auditorium) at 7:30.

The all-student cast includes Eliza Freund, Rylee Hanson, Austin Heimgartner, Caidyn Johnon, Caitlin Kalita, Caleb Mendez, Samantha Olek, and Seth Walls. Admission is \$7 adults, \$5 students, and free for UMN Crookston students with I.D. This production is partially supported by a generous grant from the UMC Concerts and Lectures Committee.



UMN Crookston Commencement, Saturday, May 7

Seniors if you plan to finish your degree requirements during Spring, Summer, or Fall 2022, [apply for graduation](#). Contact the Registrar's Office at umcreg@umn.edu, if you need assistance. Campus plans are to have an in-person graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 7. Details are still being figured out as to if there will be 1 or 2 ceremonies and if there will be a limit on the number of guests allowed, etc. Watch your email for more information mid-March.

HIGHLIGHTS

Accolades

Center for Educational Innovation, Thank a Teacher Fall 2021

Congratulations Oxana Wieland, Assistant Professor, recognized for student teaching and dedication University of Minnesota's [Thank a Teacher program](#) is pleased to announce Oxana Wieland, Assistant Professor, Business Department has been recognized by students who have given thanks for her impact on their education, and why they feel valued in class.

"She has been wonderful and helpful throughout the semester. Especially the timely announcement update that directs us on what to do right. Such has been helpful." - Anonymous