



# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA CROOKSTON

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

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*Editor's note: Chancellor Wood has been traveling and will have a column in the next edition of E-Update, scheduled for August 15. Also, with this edition, UMC Campus E-Update returns to a bi-weekly publication schedule.*

### **Featured Events & Activities**

**Discover and Explore Science Summer Camp for Young Scientists in Grades 6-9, Monday, August 1 through Friday, August 5** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily, check-in at Sargeant Student Center

**Alumni Brew Bash Tour at Gull Dam Brewing, Tuesday, August 9** – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Gull Dam Brewing, 23836 Smiley Road, Nisswa, Minnesota

**Extension Master Gardener Meeting, Wednesday, August 10** – 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center and other campus locations

**UMC Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) Registration Day, Wednesday, August 10** – 9 a.m. to Noon, check-in in Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

**9-Month Faculty and Staff Appointments Begin, Monday, August 15**

**UMC Faculty and Staff Opening Week Welcome Back Luncheon, Monday, August 15** – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom

**Tours of the New UMC Wellness Center for Faculty and Staff, Monday, August 15** – 3 and 3:30 p.m., Wellness Center

**Classes Begin for Fall Semester 2016, Tuesday, August 23**

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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.umcrookston.edu/today](http://www.umcrookston.edu/today) or review our news page at <http://news.crk.umn.edu/news>.

Learn more about events across the entire University of Minnesota system via Brief: <http://brief.umn.edu/>.

### **Around Campus**

#### **Administrative Affairs –**

**All UMC employees are invited to attend the Opening Week Welcome Back Luncheon on Monday, August 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** New faculty and staff will be introduced, and Chancellor Wood will offer remarks as the campus prepares for the new academic year.

## **Academic Affairs –**

**Mohammad Hossain has been hired as an assistant professor, tenure track, in the Math, Science & Technology Department.** His Ph.D. and his M.S. are in computer science, both from North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo. He completed his B.S. in computer science and engineering at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka, Bangladesh. He comes to UMC from the West Fargo Public Schools District Office, where he has served as a database specialist since 2012. He also has served as a graduate research assistant and graduate teaching assistant for the Department of Computer Science at NDSU. Hossain will teach courses for the information technology management and software engineering majors.

**Leslie Lekatz has been hired as an assistant professor, tenure track, in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department.** Her Ph.D. and M.S. are in animal sciences, reproductive physiology and are both from North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo. She completed her B.S. in biology at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, Minn. Lekatz comes to UMC from Illinois State University in Normal, Ill., where she served as an assistant professor in their Department of Agriculture. She will teach courses for the animal science major.

**Lindsey McNeill has been hired as a teaching specialist in the Agriculture & Natural Resources Department.** She holds an M.E. in adult and higher education from South Dakota State University (SDSU) in Brookings, and a B.S. in equine industry and business from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. She comes to UMC after serving for two years as a graduate assistant for the SDSU women's equestrian team (National Collegiate Equestrian Association). She has also served as a teaching assistant at SDSU. She will teach courses for the equine science major.

**Amrita Shenoy has been hired as an instructor, tenure track, in the Math, Science & Technology Department.** She is working to complete a Ph.D. in healthcare management from the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston (expected graduation in August 2016). She holds a Master of Healthcare Administration/Master of Business Administration from University of Houston - Clear Lake, Texas Medical Center and Clear Lake Campuses, and an M.S. in biotechnology from Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, England, United Kingdom. Her bachelor's degree in life sciences and biochemistry is from the University of Mumbai, in Maharashtra, India. She also has doctoral research and teaching assistantship experience as well as healthcare administration experience. Shenoy will teach courses for the applied health and health management majors.

## **Student Affairs –**

**UMC will host the fall semester 2016 Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) Registration Day on Wednesday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to Noon.** Check-in will be at the Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center. An information session will begin at 9:15 a.m. in the Prairie Room, followed by registration from 9:45 to 11 a.m. in rooms 9 and 112 of Hill Hall. Optional tours will begin at 11:15 a.m.

**The UMC Wellness Center was completed in June 2016 and had its soft opening on Monday, July 25.** The 36,000 sq. ft. facility includes a two-court gymnasium, suspended walking/running track, weight/cardio area, multipurpose room for group exercise, and a classroom. **Tours of the new facility are scheduled for faculty and staff on Monday, August 15, starting at 3 and 3:30 p.m.** Director Patrick Troumbley and Assistant

Director Rob Silvers will lead the tours and answer questions. A visual release about the facility is posted online at [www.crk.umn.edu/news/wellness-center](http://www.crk.umn.edu/news/wellness-center).

### **Technology Support Services –**

UMC's new laptop computer fleet was scheduled to be shipped from China the first week in July. However, on Monday, July 11, HP notified Technology Support Services of a quality assurance issue with the glass panels for the Spectre Pro x360 laptop computer, the computer that had been selected based on campus input last spring. **HP has suspended all shipments of that particular model until the issue is resolved, which creates an issue for UMC having a laptop computer available for start of classes this fall.** HP proposed two options: 1) reissue last year's computer, the Elitebook 840, and wait for the Spectre x360 to eventually become available sometime this fall, or 2) substitute with another HP laptop computer, the Elitebook 1030. The Technology Advisory Committee reviewed and discussed the options, the pros and cons of each, and the impact each option would have on students, faculty, and staff, and, with the support of Chancellor Wood, they concluded the best course of action was to accept the Elitebook 1030. **The HP Elitebook 1030 has a 13.3-inch display (same as the Spectre) in a 12-inch body, is more than a half pound lighter than the Spectre, and has an HDMI port, but it does not offer the 360-degree hinged screen that provides 2-in-1 functionality to become a tablet.** It is significantly smaller and lighter than the HP 840's we used last year, with only a slightly smaller screen. The 1030 is a fairly new model that is more expensive than the Spectre and offers some added features. HP is absorbing all additional costs for this computer.

**Throughout the month of August, Identity Management will use several communication channels to invite University faculty, staff, and student employees to opt in to a service that adds an extra layer of security for personal W-2 and direct deposit information.** The service, known as Duo Two-Factor Protection (Authentication) for W-2 and Direct Deposit, is offered free of charge and can help reduce the risk of personal information being compromised should someone learn an employee's University Internet password. [Learn more and opt in.](https://it.umn.edu/news/duo-opt-in)  
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### **Development & Alumni Relations –**

**The first-ever Alumni Brew Bash Tour will kick off on Tuesday, August 9, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gull Dam Brewing Events Center, 23836 Smiley Road, Nisswa, Minnesota.** All UMC and NSWA alumni and friends, as well as current and retired faculty and staff members are encouraged to attend. To RSVP, contact Sue Dwyer at 218-281-8401 or watch the alumni Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/umcrookstonalumni](http://www.facebook.com/umcrookstonalumni) for more details. The next stop in the tour will be Tuesday, September 20, at the Day Block Brewing Company in Minneapolis.

### **Athletics –**

**Amy Dehmer has been hired as an assistant athletic trainer in UMC Athletics.** She holds an M.S. in athletic training and a B.A. in psychology, both from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn., where she was a graduate assistant athletic trainer. In addition to working with athletic teams, she also has clinical experience with Essentia Health and St. Luke's Hospital. Dehmer is certified by the National Athletic Trainer Association's Board of Certification and is CPR/AED Certified for Professional Rescuer through the American Red Cross. She

will work with UMC's football and men's basketball teams and will assist with the Golden Eagles nine other intercollegiate athletic programs.

**Recent graduate and men's golfer Seth Heppner, a management major from Crookston, has been named an NCAA Division II Cleveland Golf/Srixon All-America Scholar-Athlete.** Only 91 golfers in NCAA Division II across the U.S. earned the honor, which requires an individual to be a junior or senior academically, compete at least three full years at the collegiate level, participate in 50 percent of the team's competitive rounds, have a strong average under 78.0 in Division II, and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.2. Heppner was a four-year member of the UMC men's golf program. He averaged a 77.2 on the 2015-16 season, his senior season with the program. In the classroom, Heppner had a 3.3 in management and marketing.

**The University of Minnesota Crookston volleyball team was one of 119 NCAA Division II teams to receive the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award for the 2015-16 season.** The award honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that displayed excellence in the classroom during the school year by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. [Learn more.](http://www.goldeneaglesports.com/news/2016/7/25/womens-volleyball-umc-volleyball-team-earns-avca-team-academic-award.aspx?path=wvball)  
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## Campus and Community

**The Crookston Summer Arts Safari will hold a week-long children's theater workshop daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 8-12 culminating in a production of Disney's "Alice in Wonderland Jr."** Performances are set for Friday, August 12, at 5:40 p.m. and Saturday, August 13, at 11 a.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. Tickets for the performances can be purchased at the door, adults \$8 and children \$3. The Crookston Summer Arts Safari is supported by Crookston Eagles Aerie 873, Eagles Auxiliary, and Crookston Community Theatre.

**The U of M Crookston will serve as a major site for activities related to Ox Cart Days 2016 on Wednesday, August 17.**

- **The 6th Annual Veterans Recognition Ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** During the program, a select group of local veterans will be honored. The event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Crookston in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Crookston.
- **University Relations will host the annual Ox Cart Days Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 15, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Peterson Gazebo on the Campus Mall** (rain site: Northern Lights Lounge, Sargeant Student Center). Members of the campus and the Crookston communities are invited to enjoy free ice cream courtesy of UMC Dining Services/Sodexo while listening to live music by the Crookston Summer Big Band under the direction of TJ Chapman. At 4:45 p.m. the first clue for the 2016 Ox Cart Days Medallion Hunt will be announced. The UMC Bookstore will be open until 5:30 p.m. that evening and will have special T-shirts on sale for only \$6.99. Discounted tickets for the Minnesota State Fair will also be available to purchase at the Bookstore.
- **RiverView Health's 3rd Annual Ox Cart Days Dodgeball Tournament will follow at 5 p.m. in the new Wellness Center.**

## Extension

**More than 40 Extension Master Gardeners are registered to attend the Extension Master Gardener State Advisory Board session on Wednesday, August 10, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center.** The event, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., will include presentations by UMC faculty and staff as well as Extension educators, plus tours of the Allen & Freda Pederson Garden, the Shaver Butterfly Garden, the Nature Nook, and the campus high tunnel and rain garden. Contact 218-236-2001 for more information

## Student Stories

**Senior Kary Sheppard has always been interested in the medical field.** For the exercise science and wellness major, the concept of being physically and emotionally well is something worth learning. This summer Sheppard was able to learn far outside the classroom, 3,710 miles away to be exact. She spent eight weeks in Dublin, Ireland, interning with a physical therapy outpatient clinic. [Learn more.](#)

<https://www.crk.umn.edu/news/kary-sheppard>

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