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From the Chancellor

We all have them, really bad days. But then there are also those that stand out as unexpectedly good, no, great days!

Last Wednesday was a great day for me. It started early, about 6 a.m., as I piled into a van with City of Crookston leaders and UMC colleagues. We were off to Bemidji on a learning journey. We visited the Launch Pad that combines resources of the City of Bemidji and Bemidji State University (BSU) to spark entrepreneurship. We then learned about the tremendous philanthropic work of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation and how we can work more closely with them. In the afternoon we learned about the advanced manufacturing centers at BSU and how we might possibly partner with them on some of their work. At our last stop of the day we learned about the work of our colleagues in University of Minnesota Extension and how they are working closely with the Native American nations in the region. Most enlightening was learning how the tribes are working to become more entrepreneurial and controlling more of their supply chain from food to energy. The goal of our day was to see what others are doing around us, and being unabashed, to learn what has worked for them so we might replicate their good ideas.

Mid-day, I looked at my email and saw a note from Andrew Svec, our director of communications, that made it official: "We rock." *The Grand Forks Herald* had published an editorial recognizing some of our recent achievements and accolades, and it ended with these words, "Crookston, and the entire region, should be proud of UMC's accomplishments." It was great to read the positive words about our campus, especially considering their news is often dominated by UND. As Andrew said "this kind of acknowledgement is somewhat rare for us as a campus. We do, however, get good coverage from our local media, *The Crookston Daily Times* and KROX radio."

By the time we got back to Crookston about 6:30 p.m., I went home tired but happy to share the day with my husband and 15-year-old grandson, Gunner, who is staying with us. Engaging a teenager can be challenging, but my grandson was diagnosed with autism when he was a little tyke. He didn't speak for several years. To have dinner with him and hear him tell us of the impact of the day's events in the geopolitical sphere made it a really great day. There was a village of people who worked with Gunner in our small town in Iowa. He benefitted from the generosity of people like many of you—who give tirelessly of your time and talents to help our students, who enhance the quality of life in our community, and who selflessly pay it forward.

Sometimes it can feel like the work we are doing isn't moving the needle. But I can almost guarantee that someone will come up to you and thank you for the kindness you showed to them. Or maybe someone will recall the stern challenge you gave them or the red-inked edited paper returned to them for a rewrite that caused them to do even better. You are making a positive difference in their lives. Thank you for your dedication and hard work.

Wishing you and yours Happy Holidays.

Mary Holz-Clause
Chancellor
University of Minnesota Crookston

Featured Events & Activities

Grad Fest for Fall 2017 Graduates, Wednesday, December 6 – 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., International Lounge, Sargeant Student Center

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

Retirement Reception for Assistant Professor Paul Aakre, Thursday, December 7 – 3 to 4:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Rooms C,D,E, open to the public

Radon Information Booth, Thursday, December 7 – 3 to 6 p.m., Hugo's grocery store, 1310 University Avenue, Crookston

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

Final Examinations for Fall Semester 2017, Monday, December 11, through Thursday, December 14

Highway 2 West Manufacturers' Association General Membership Meeting, Thursday, December 14 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall

Holiday Luncheon for UMC, NWROC, and Northwest Regional Extension Faculty and Staff, Monday, December 18 – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center

Floating Holiday, Friday, December 22 – campus offices closed

Christmas, Monday, December 25 – campus offices closed

Floating Holiday, Friday, December 29 – campus offices closed

New Year's Day, Monday, January 1, 2018 – campus offices closed

First Day of Classes for Spring Semester 2018, Monday, January 8

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

She describes her dad as highly intellectual with great depth of character and her mother as brilliant, discerning, caring and empathetic. **If that description is accurate, then Junior Marta Dean is a unique combination of genetics with the addition of her own unique determination and tenacity.** The University of Minnesota Crookston agricultural business major is from Dellwood, Minn., and embraces her penchant for leadership. Learn more at www.crk.umn.edu/news/junior-marta-dean.

Around Campus

Administrative Affairs –

Faculty and staff from across the campus community, including UMC, the NWROC, and Extension, are invited to attend the annual Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. A complimentary meal of pasta with sauce and meat options, Italian vegetables, breadsticks, and assorted beverages will be served. For any special dietary considerations, contact Paige Stallard, Dining Services, at clar1134@umn.edu or ext. 8538. Individuals who are interested in participating in the "white elephant" gift exchange should bring a wrapped or bagged gently used "garage sale quality" item or inexpensive gift.

Academic Affairs –

Committees are being formed to conduct searches for a number of faculty positions. Academic departments will conduct searches for tenure-track positions in Animal Science, Agricultural Education with an Animal Science background, Communication, Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education, and Management with an International Business background. Searches also will be conducted for P&A faculty in Agricultural Systems Management and Mathematics. A dual track (tenure-track and P&A) search will be conducted for Composition, with only one hire being made from the dual-track search.

The Agriculture & Natural Resources Department will host a reception for Assistant Professor Paul Aakre, who is retiring at the end of the semester after 40 years of teaching in that department. The reception will be held Thursday, December 7, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Rooms C, D, and E, Sargeant Student Center. The reception is open to the public, and all are welcome.

Admissions –

Paul Adelman has been hired as an admissions counselor. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport and recreation management with a minor in coaching from the U of M Crookston. He returns to UMC after serving as a group sales manager for Bismarck Larks Baseball in Bismarck, North Dakota, and, prior to that, as director of ticket sales for University of North Dakota Athletics in Grand Forks. Adelman began his duties at UMC on December 4.

Library –

The UMC Library recently added a streaming video collection, the Master Academic Collection from Films on Demand, to its list of databases. This collection contains over 26,000 films from over 900 categories.

The following link goes to the database and its contents:

<https://libproxy.umcrookston.edu/login?url=http://fod.infobase.com/PortalPlayLists.aspx?wid=150503>.

Access to this collection requires UMC login and password.

Another collection added recently is the ProQuest Reference Ebook Subscriptions, which includes over 700 multidisciplinary titles from more than 50 publishers. This collection can be accessed at:

<https://login.libproxy.umcrookston.edu/login?qurl=https%3A%2F%2Febookcentral.proquest.com%2Flib%2Fumcrookston-ebooks>.

Development & Alumni Relations –

Give to the Max Day, held November 16, was a huge success with more than \$8,000 raised for various UMC funds, projects, and causes thanks to 64 individual donations. Three initiatives were featured for the day, and each received a much-appreciated response, with \$950 to the UMC Softball Batting Cage, \$350 to the UMC Alumni Association's People Mover Project, and \$225 to the UMC Baseball Press Box. Anyone interested in supporting these initiatives as they move forward may learn more and donate online at

https://crowdfund.umn.edu/search?search_api_views_fulltext=umc. Thanks go to all who gave so generously to support something they are passionate about at UMC during Give to the Max Day.

Athletics –

Twenty-eight student-athletes from the University of Minnesota Crookston have been named to the 2017 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) Fall All-Academic Team. Of those, ten are football players, nine are volleyball players, and nine are soccer players. To be eligible for this honor, a student-athlete must be a member of the varsity traveling team, must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better, must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at the institution (true freshmen, red-shirt freshmen and ineligible athletic transfers are not eligible), and must have completed at least one full academic year at that institution. Student-athletes earning this honor for fall 2017 are listed below.

Football

Ali Alkhatib, Jr., Rosemount, Minn.

Kolby Castillo, Jr., Aiea, Hawaii

Adam Connette, Sr., Corona, Calif.

Will Cross, So., Turtle Lake, Wis.

Zach Greenberg, Jr., Winnipeg, Manitoba

Logan Huso, So., Eagan, Minn.

Cody Kowalenko, So., Coon Rapids, Minn.

Trevor Long, Jr., So., Brooklyn Park, Minn.

Jake Newman, Sr., White Bear Lake, Minn.

Ryan Ratcliff, So., Bloomer, Wis.

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Volleyball

Rachel Freund, Sr., Jordan, Minn.
Kaycie Hagen, Sr., Savage, Minn.
Sabrina Leuer, Jr., Hamel, Minn.
Alyssa Muelken, Sr., Savage, Minn.
Alex Oakes, So., Cloquet, Minn.
Maggie Perrel, Sr., New Germany, Minn.
Callie Schapekahm, Jr., Eagan, Minn.
Becca Vandenheuvel, Sr., Cannon Falls, Minn.
Kaitlin Sikkink, So., St. Charles, Minn.

Women's Soccer

Ellie Brettschneider, Sr., Lakeville, Minn.
Jacqueline Burke, So., Anchorage, Alaska
Lindsey Daml, So., North Pole, Alaska
Nikki Dogan, Sr., Grand Forks, N.D.
Maggie Gibbons, Sr., Cohasset, Minn.
Gabby Kekke, Sr., Argyle, Minn.
Olivia Puttin, So., Rogers, Minn.
Chloe Smith, So., Brainerd, Minn.
Kayla Stangeland, So., Mitchell, S.D.

Accolades & Achievements –

The University of Minnesota Crookston Crops Team, comprised of students **Anna Johnson**, a senior majoring in agricultural education from Sebeka, Minn.; **Caleb Rempel** a junior double majoring in agronomy and horticulture from Mountain Lake, Minn.; and **Mattie Schmitt**, a senior agronomy major from Towner, N.D., competed recently in two National Collegiate Crop Contests finishing in the top three in both. Coached by faculty member Rob Proulx, the team competed in Kansas City on November 14 and Chicago on November 18, 2017. **The U of M Crookston Crops Team placed third in each of the contests** just behind Kansas State and Iowa State, which finished first and second, respectively.

UMC's online degree program in Sport & Recreation Management is ranked among the "Top 15 Best Sports Management Degree Programs Online (Bachelor's)" in the nation for 2017-2018 by the online education resource Best College Reviews. UMC's degree program came in at number 8. See the full list at www.bestcollegereviews.org/top/sports-management-degree-programs-online-bachelors.

Research, Publications & Presentations

Thursday Commons for December 7, will feature fall semester 2017 faculty, staff, and student research presentations from Noon to 2 p.m. in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. All members of the campus community and any other interested individuals are welcome. Scheduled presentations include the following:

"UMC Apple Tree Spindle Pruning Technique"
Heidi Shol, undergraduate student
Faculty Mentor: Rick Abrahamson

"Strengths Created From Chronic Illness Experience"

Gail Myers, Director of Disability Resources Center
& Chanel Myers, Adjunct Faculty Member

"Corporate Social Responsibility, Trust, and Commitment at the Intercollegiate Athletic Level: Does Involvement Make a Difference?"

Mikayla Jones, undergraduate student
Faculty Mentor: Eddie Walker

"Which Students Choose UMC?"

Sue Erickson, Director of Institutional Effectiveness
& Katlyn Moes, Research Analyst

"One Step Ahead" and "Baking Up a Bachelor's"

Cassandra Morthera, undergraduate student
Faculty Mentor: Megan Bell

Campus & Community

Associate Professors Katy Chapman and Brian Dingmann and a group of their students will host an information booth about Radon levels in local soil samples on Thursday, December 7, from 3 to 6 pm. at Hugo's grocery store, 1310 University Avenue, Crookston. Free radon home test kits will be available so local residents may test their homes. These faculty members and their students recently conducted a study of soil levels of radon in locations across the city.

Crookston Park & Rec will host its annual Holiday Dance Recital on Saturday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in Kiehle Auditorium. The event is open to the public.

The U of M Crookston and New Flyer of Crookston will host the Highway 2 West Manufacturers' Association General Membership Meeting on Thursday, December 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Peterson Classroom, Heritage Hall. Admission for members of the organization will be \$20 for the lunch and program. The program will feature UMC Assistant Professor Abdulaziz Ahmed, who will present "Lean Six Sigma in Manufacturing Industry: An Overview" and Anchor Marketing President Hal Halliday, who will present "Marketing Has Evolved Over the Years – Has Your Approach Evolved with It?" An optional tour of New Flyer's Crookston facility will follow. Attendees should RSVP by December 7 to Nan Thurston at thurston@crk.umn.edu or 218-281-8673.

There will be two performances of the Crookston Community Christmas Stable Service—one Saturday, December 16, at 7 p.m., and one Sunday, December 17, at 2 p.m.—at the University Teaching and Outreach Center (UTOC). Admission is free, but a freewill offering is accepted at the door to help cover expenses. Featured will be music including community choirs, ensembles, and a bell choir, and a reenactment of the Christmas story with actors and live animals. The Community Christmas Stable Service has been part of the local community for many years. It is a nondenominational service sponsored by the Crookston Community Wandering Vine Ministry and Trinity Lutheran Church of Crookston, with other local churches and organizations participating.

The Center for Rural Entrepreneurial Studies (CRES) is seeking regional entrepreneurs and small business owners interested working with UMC students on a class project for their business. Each semester, both spring and fall, CRES integrates projects into courses offered on campus. These projects become an integral part of the course curriculum and are designed to benefit small business owners and entrepreneurs while providing students with real-world business experiences. Applications for the program are accepted anytime; however, priority is given to applications received by the due dates. **The 2018 spring semester application deadline is Friday, December 15, 2017.** Interested individuals and business can apply for assistance at www.umccres.org/apply. All applications are screened by CRES, and the projects that best fit the mission of CRES and enhance the learner outcomes for the course will be contacted for a follow-up meeting to determine guidelines, client expectations, and to review other relevant information regarding participation. For more information about the opportunity, contact Rachel Lundbohm, director of CRES, at 218-281-8190, rlundboh@umn.edu, or visit the CRES website at www.umccres.org.

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Applications for Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) 2018-19 Research and Creative Collaboratives are due January 26, 2018. IAS seeks participation from all colleges, schools, and campuses and encourages graduate student participation. Collaboratives may be convened by faculty, students, or staff, but should show evidence of faculty participation. The maximum award amount is \$12,000, but proposals for smaller amounts are encouraged. Learn more and apply at <https://ias.umn.edu/programs/applications/rcc>.

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