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## LEADERSHIP LETTER

### From the Chancellor

I certainly hope you have had a chance to enjoy our wonderful weather and attend some of our exciting events on campus. The University is alive with students, activities and enthusiasm.

Now that schools have started and many junior and senior high school students are making decisions to further their education or if they should join the workforce immediately upon graduation. I wanted to share a number of initiatives within Admissions that should make it easier for students to seek their degree with us.

### **Minnesota goes to college**

Every year in October, the State of Minnesota Office of Higher Education leads an annual, state-wide initiative focused on encouraging prospective college students to apply to post-secondary education institutions called [Minnesota Goes to College!](#).

In and throughout October prospective students and families should know we at the University of Minnesota Crookston:

- will waive the [\\$30 application fee](#) for all admission applications.
- additional [campus visit](#) options are offered October 21, 22, and 23 to accommodate students visiting colleges throughout the state over the [Minnesota Educator Academy](#) (MEA)
- UMN Crookston's Animal Science Exploration day falls on October 29. This is a specialized visit for prospective students to learn more about this popular major.. [Registration required.](#)
- the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened October 1
- University of Minnesota Crookston's Specialty Scholarship application opened October 1
- the free application opened for [Post Secondary Enrollment Option](#) (current high school students) for Spring 2022 and Fall 2022 terms

October marks the opening of the [Free Application for Federal Students Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and the University of Minnesota Crookston Specialty Scholarship Application. Completing the FAFSA is the single most important thing a new or returning student can do to receive money for college. It's a student's ticket to be automatically offered federal, state, and institutional financial aid. Financial aid includes grants, scholarships, work study student employment, and federal loans. We are offering a virtual [Get to Know Your FAFSA](#) event on October 10 for anyone who wants to learn more. We hope you can attend.

It is a busy week for us on campus. It starts with our HLC reviewers with us on Monday and ends with our new Regents on Friday, with so many activities between on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Until next week.

Chancellor Mary

## Human Resources

Check out the new [UMN Crookston Organizational Chart](#)

## Financial Aid

Specialty scholarship applications are now open for returning students. Deadline is May 1, 2022. Click the link and apply: <https://z.umn.edu/specialtyscholarships>

## International Student 1/2 Tuition Waiver

Apply today at: [z.umn.edu/specialtyscholarship](https://z.umn.edu/specialtyscholarship), click international student scholarship



*International Student*  
**1/2 TUITION WAIVER**

This scholarship opportunity is for International students studying at UMN Crookston on an F-1 visa.

**APPLY ONLINE:**  
[z.umn.edu/specialtyscholarships](https://z.umn.edu/specialtyscholarships)  
- Select international student scholarship  
Available: October 1, 2021 | Deadline: May 1, 2022

**REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must have completed at least 24 credits at UMN Crookston.
- Must possess leadership skills, be involved with clubs and organizations on campus, and be an active UMN Crookston student overall.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above and be enrolled full-time (12+ credits).

## United Way of Crookston and UMN Crookston

The United Way campaign kicked off last Monday, contribution and pledging information has been distributed to your campus mailbox. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Christopherson or Vern Shafer, UMN Crookston United Way Co-chairs. [mchristo@umn.edu](mailto:mchristo@umn.edu) or [vshafer@crk.umn.edu](mailto:vshafer@crk.umn.edu)



## Decolonization and Community-Engaged Scholarship

Karen Diver is the University of Minnesota's Senior Advisor to the President on Native American Affairs. In this session, she will give us an update on activities of her office, and share her hopes and visions for the University. 3 to 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 12 [Via Zoom or Phone](#) University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

## Student Health

Oct 15: Flu Clinic 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For staff and students. Bring your insurance card. Bede Ballroom  
Oct 18-22: Clothesline Project and Sexual Abuse awareness

COVID-19 cases continue to increase across Minnesota and in Polk County. It's important we work together to slow the spread. Take precautions such as distancing yourself from others, wear a face covering when in public indoor settings, and get vaccinated if eligible. For the most up-to-date COVID-19 guidance and recommendations, please refer to the [Minnesota Department of Health](#).

## Computer Help Desk

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. required network infrastructure upgrades will temporarily disrupt campus network services including WiFi, telephones, and networked printers.

The [Duo Mobile App](#), used to verify your identity when you access some University systems, is scheduled to get an update this month as well. Those who use the mobile app will notice a new look and feel and additional feature changes. [Learn what to expect.](#)

## Registrar

A town hall will be held for the [DegreeCat Project](#), Tuesday, October 12 at 1 p.m. This event is open to all University community members who are interested in the project's efforts to replace [Graduation Planner](#), [Schedule Builder](#), [ECAS](#), and [PCAS](#). A recording will be available for those who are unable to attend. [Pre registration](#) is suggested.

## University & Alumni Relations

Join the class of 1990 as they will celebrate their 30th reunion (a year late). We've had a couple of them asking about faculty (former and current). Check out the events calendar for all the Homecoming festivities. Homecoming week: October 18-23, 2021

Outstanding Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees include:

The Abbey - Young Alumni Award: Marshall Johnson 2012

Outstanding Alumni: Mike Gasper 1978 and Mandy Uhrich 2005

Athletic Hall of Fame: Jeanette (Stoker) Larson 1987, volleyball

Jim Mages 2001, football

Cleon Melsa (posthumously), Faculty Athletic Representative



## Center for Sustainability

The Humphrey School's Center for Science, Technology, and Environmental Policy (C-STEP) is partnering with IonE to bring a week full of climate-focused events throughout campus and with community businesses and organizations. October 26, 2021 from 6 to 7 p.m. is the kickoff to a series of events: a conversation with former vice president and climate activist Al Gore. IonE's executive director, Jessica Hellmann, will host a virtual Q&A session with Gore, showcasing climate questions from U of M students—systemwide. [Register to attend.](#)

**Indigenizing Economic Growth:** Facilitating connections and cooperation in Indian Country in Minnesota, November 18 & 19. Consider attending this virtual conference to celebrate and honor work being done by American Indian Entrepreneurs, Artists, Businesses and Professionals that are within the boundaries of Minnesota. Emphasizing the focus on networking and building connections by creating this conference to celebrate the work that is and will continue to be done.

This event is being hosted by the [University of Minnesota Extension Center for Community Vitality](#) and funded by the Economic Development Administration. This two-day virtual event will have a variety of conversations, presentations and opportunities to connect with others across the state.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Accolades

John Hoffman, UMN Crookston Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs and Anna Ortiz Ph.D., Educational Leadership, California State University, Long Beach are co-authors of an article recently

published in the latest issue of Leadership Exchange Supervision in the Field of Student Affairs pages 24-31.

**"Thanks to all the blood drive donors!"** The event was a success, said Nan Widseth, Campus Nurse, in Student Health. "We had 36 participants that were able to donate and a total of 39 blood products that were collected, 11 of them volunteered for their first time! Thank you for taking the time to donate and making a difference in others lives," Widseth stated.